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A Stroller Is The Only Way To Go...

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MARY BARRY pushes her 9 month-old daughter, Kate, down Leonard Street, Agawam, on a March day that rates with the best that May can offer. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



PUSHING BABY EMILY SATKIEWICZ, 4 months, on Poinsetta Street, on a beautiful Sunday afternoon are, from left - Stacy Thompson, Todd Jorgensen, and Jeni Jorgensen. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Council Plans Manager Sessions

School Comm. Gives Budget Nod

by Stuart Parker
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Agawam Town Council narrowed the field of 42 candidates of town manager to nine on Monday, March 11th, leaving the possibility open that the five candidates surviving the cut will be here soon to hold interviews with the council.

Manager Search Committee Chairman Peter Longo said at presstime he was in the process of contacting the five finalists to see if they were still interested in the post, as well as being available for interviews.

The council gave nine candidates a majority vote to be considered for the manager, but Longo said the five with the highest number of votes would be contacted first.

The remaining four candidates would be called in in the event one or more of the first five candidates may no longer be interested in the position.

Among those selected as finalists, all have served as municipal managers, with several serving in municipal capacities within cities with populations in excess of 100,000.

Longo said the names and cities and towns of employment of the candidates would not be released until the candidates appeared for interviews.

Longo also said he intended to respect a request from any candidate to have his name and location withheld, pending an offer from the town.

"It would serve no purpose whatsoever to jeopardize an individuals present employment if in fact he is not chosen by our community," Longo commented.

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The Agawam School Committee gave its tentative approval to the bulk of the \$9.3 million adjusted budget, which will be subject to further scrutiny by both the town manager's office and the Town Council, prior to final adoption.

Following further item-by-item review of the budget at the committee's meeting on Tuesday, March 12th, the acquisition account, increased from last year's requested \$10,692 to a proposed \$60,492, was subject to limited criticism between committee members.

Balboni Dissents On Video-Band Equipment

The budget, consisting of growth largely in the areas of video and band-related equipment, received a 4-2 committee vote of support. Board Chairman Walter Balboni and member John Walsh dissented on the request.

Balboni argued against the increase, questioning whether equipment might be shared between classes and programs. He said the equipment budget was not equal to the budget concerns he felt were more directly related to education.

Balboni referred to many of the items contained in the acquisition account as "the things you would find in a very thorough wish list."

Though the five-member School Budget Committee of Town Council, who have been attending the budget meetings, refrained from entering into dialogue on the acquisition budget, several comments made after the meeting indicated the committee shared Balboni's concerns over the scope of the acquisition budget.

SEE SCHOOL BUDGET - Page 2...

To All Clubs & Service Org.

The Agawam Advertiser News, in conjunction with the Agawam Public Library, will be publishing the popular "Community Directory" as a free public service in the Annual Town Report, to be published in May. Please call the library at 789-1550 to make sure the correct information about your club or organization is listed. The deadline for this is NO LATER than April 15th. All clubs and service organizations in Agawam qualify, so don't miss out on this opportunity to be listed in a most valuable town resource.

SCHOOL BUDGET - From Page 1...

With the exception of the acquisition budget, committee Chairman Daniel Lacienski commented earlier that he felt the school budget was responsible and represented true school needs.

Concerned With Salaries

While Lacienski stated he could not agree with each budget item, he added that the bulk of the budget increases were concerned with salaries. He said these increases were based on previously negotiated contracts and an effort by the administration to upgrade text books.

"There's not a lot you can do with the negotiated contracts, and there's no question our schools are in dire need of improved text books," he said.

Lacienski said while no one but the School Committee could alter the line items of the school budget, he hoped to meet with his committee and present a recommendation to Town Manager Katherine Pisano shortly.

School administration officials have sought to make clear this year's budget, with an approximately seven percent increase, is an attempt to bounce-back from a self-imposed ceiling of the last five years, as well as last year's net \$240,000 cut to the committee's proposed budget.

Former Town Manager Edward A. Caba had nixed \$328,000 from the school budget. About \$88,000 was allocated back to the schools by present Town Manager Katherine Pisano.

Associate Superintendent of Schools Donald Charest, has further said increased state revenues intended for education will more than off-set school budget increases this year.

He has pointed out that Agawam's budget affords a lower cost per pupil than any other school in the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative, which consists of Agawam and six neighboring communities.

MANAGER SEARCH - From Page 1...

While many of the candidates applying for the position have, thus far, requested to remain anonymous, two applicants who were formally members of the Agawam Town Council made their applications public early in the search.

Former at-large councilors Valentine "Wally" Moreno and Robert DeForge each made their intentions to apply for the post in the press, however, both received six votes from the council. Eight votes were required to be considered a finalist.

Longo received criticism from both Councilor Andrew C. Gallano and Moreno about not publicizing the names of the candidates.

According to Gallano, each candidate should recognize that applying for the position is a gamble and that he should be honest enough to inform the community he presently serves about his intentions in Agawam.

The \$40,000 manager's post has been filled by Katherine Pisano since former Town Manager Edward A. Caba was dismissed in an 8-7 vote last July.

Though the search committee had selected a final candidate in the first search process that concluded in January, candidate George McMahon of Florida declined the position, citing health and personal reasons.

Elderly Groups Fight Federal Program Cuts

As was expected, President Reagan's fiscal 1986 budget proposal faces tough sledding in the 99th Congress as many legislators contend that the Administration package fails to substantially reduce deficits, virtually exempts the Defense Department's outlays which apparently escaped severe cutbacks and reduces or eliminates spending in programs affecting the elderly and poor.

In an effort to counter the President's proposal, Congressional leaders are discussing even the most unpopular of options to redirect spending priorities and reduce deficits even further. These options include "means testing" (or "income relating") benefits for Medicare recipients, and reduced cost of living adjustments (COLAs).

Association Executive Director Cyril F. Brickfield urges members to contact their Congressional representatives in Washington to stress the urgent need for opposing means testing and more COLA cuts.

Means testing, a method to shift additional costs to beneficiaries, could deny benefits to those whose personal income exceeds a specific amount. In a similar vein, others would scale Medicare premiums to income, or increase cost sharing to those above certain income thresholds. One proposal would triple the Medicare Part B premium.

AARP opposes means testing on three counts. First, it would convert Medicare from a social insurance program into a welfare program. Secondly, a means test will do little to reduce deficits and would be costly to administer. Thirdly, means testing could establish a mechanism to shift further costs to older Americans.

COLA cuts - particularly a one-year freeze - are once

again being proposed as a deficit reduction measure. But according to a new study by Data Resources, Inc., commissioned by AARP, more than half a million older Americans - many of them single women - would be pushed below the government's poverty line by the end of the year if a COLA freeze is enacted. An average retired worker would lose \$899 in three years, while a couple would forfeit \$1,600 over the same period.

Congress is also considering more drastic plans that would set a new formula, three percent less than the Consumer Price Index (CPI), to compute benefits. The CPI "minus-three" formula would have roughly the same effect on beneficiaries as a one-year freeze but would continue, adding over two million to the poverty category by 1990. In this case, a retired worker would lose \$1,106 over three years while a couple would sustain a loss of \$1,756.

In a recent interview, Brickfield said, "During the election, President Reagan pledged that he would not stand still for any attempts to reduce Social Security benefits and older Americans took him at his word when they went to the polls."

"We now expect him to honor his pledge to them," Brickfield continued. "Rather than standing passively aside and allowing Congress to cut benefits, he should act to keep his pledge and not permit others to break it for him. Moreover," he said, "as the President himself stated, Social Security is not adding to the deficit."

The Association supports responsible efforts to reduce the high budget deficit, but an AARP spokesman said "such efforts must include slower spending for defense and restoration of the tax base."

LEGAL NOTICE**LEGAL NOTICE****TOWN OF AGAWAM
Board Of Appeals**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at the Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 1985 at 7:30 p.m. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of the CITY OF SPRINGFIELD who is seeking a modification of Special Permit No. 1052, dated February 2, 1984, to allow an increase in the dumping height of the Cell 2 area so called in the existing BOND ISLAND SANITARY LANDFILL located in the TOWN OF AGAWAM.

By order of the Board of Appeals
Theodore A. Praguske
Chairman
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**Dr. Glasser To Speak
On Reality Therapy**

William Glasser, M.D., will present a day-long workshop entitled "Recent Advances in Reality Therapy" on Wednesday, March 27th, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Chez Josef, 176 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam.

Dr. Glasser, a world renowned psychiatrist and educator, is the president and founder of the Institute for Reality Therapy and author of *Reality Therapy*.

In this "Brightside Series" workshop, Dr. Glasser will present recent advances in reality therapy and will introduce a totally new psychology, called Control Theory, which has been integrated into reality therapy.

Advance registration is required with a \$30 fee which includes lunch. This workshop has been approved for continuing education credits for social workers through the National Association of Social Workers, and has been submitted to the Massachusetts Nurses Association for approval for contact hours.

For information and registration, contact Christine Pruitte at Our Lady of Providence Children's Center, 788-7366, extension 246.

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MUNICIPAL EVENTS**COLONIAL
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Monday, March 18th
Town Council Meeting
Public Library
7:30 P.M.

Tuesday, March 26th
School Committee Meeting
Junior High School Cafeteria
7:30 P.M.

Wednesday, March 27th
Board of Appeals Meeting
Public Library
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Monday, April 1st
Town Council Meeting
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8:00 P.M.

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Melconian Supports "Women's History"

The Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators marked the beginning of Women's History Week by announcing their 1985 legislative priorities.

As in past years, the caucus is concentrating on areas of economic concern to women. "American women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of our nation's life," said State Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield).

"Women constitute a significant portion of the labor force working in and outside the home, and are essential factors in a family's self-sufficiency," she continued. "Ensuring an environment of equality for women ensures a strong nation," she said.

To address economic equality for women, the caucus has targeted such bills as prohibiting sexual harassment (H.3247) and insurance discrimination (H.2403); creating a state office of women business enterprises (H.2890); improving child support collections (H.2197); increasing the AFDC grant to equal poverty level (H.2193); expanding parenting leave (H.1314, H.3121); providing third party reimbursement to nurse mid-wives (S.311); and providing female offenders access to training and pre-release programs, equal to that of male offenders (H.3688).

Also included on the caucus agenda are a number of bills to assist victims of rape and domestic violence. H.2983 exempts rape victims from the \$100 deductible in the State Victims' Compensation Fund, and H.2986 exempts battered women's counselors from testifying in court.

The caucus is strongly opposed to legislation which creates filing fees for the victims of domestic violence who seek protective orders from the court (S.1089). The women legislators are actively seeking alternatives to courtroom testimony for child victims of sexual and/or physical abuse in the form of videotaping testimony (H.1200).

"We are committed to our agenda for this session and will work hard to see that these issues are addressed," said the Senator. Each year, members of the caucus review legislation and the budget and agree on a fixed agenda for the year. Almost 80% of their 1984 agenda was adopted by the legislature and members are anxious to see an equally successful year in 1985.

Composed of 27 women in the House and three women in the Senate, the Massachusetts caucus of women legislators has worked successfully since 1975 on legislation and budgetary items to improve the status of women.

Registry of Deeds...

Total documents for week ending March 1st, 1985

REGISTRY	
Deeds	278
Mortgages	361
Discharges	223
Foreclosures	1
Attachments	3
Miscellaneous	519
Total	1,385
LAND REGISTRATION	
Deeds	16
Mortgages	18
Discharges	10
Foreclosures	0
Attachments	0
Miscellaneous	1
Total	45

Submitted by: Donald E. Ashe, Registrar of Deeds

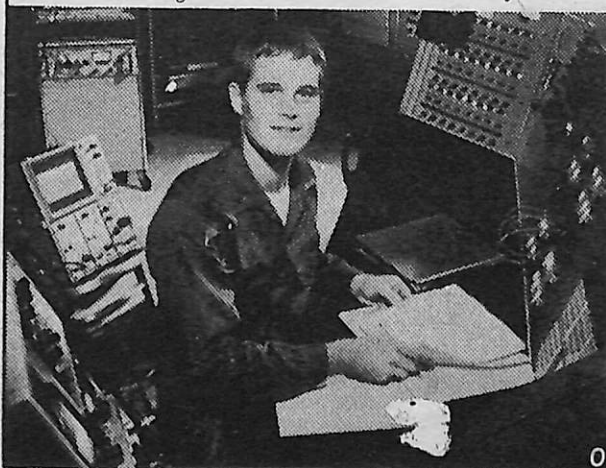
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A CHICOPEE CONSTRUCTION WORKER died on Monday, March 11th, after a pile of steel beams (above) fell from a truck and crushed his chest. Jean Cordeau, 23, of 65 South Street, Chicopee, was taken to Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, where he died, hospital officials said. Cordeau was helping to build an addition on the Stanley Handling Equipment Company building, at 53 Ramah Circle North. Acting Fire Chief Russell Jenks said Cordeau was apparently unloading the beams from a truck when they fell and he was crushed. He said the man was not breathing and did not have a pulse when pulled from beneath the girders. Emergency medical technicians administered cardiopulmonary resuscitation while en route to the hospital. The accident occurred at about 9:30 a.m. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Editorial

Serving Agawam For Over Half A Century...

George Reynolds A True Servant Of Agawam

Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary describes a "hero" as an individual who exhibits "marked courage and daring, or a grander nobility."

Someone once described George Reynolds of River Road as "my hero when I was growing up." The person issuing the comment on Mr. Reynolds was Sam Provo of North Agawam.

In all senses of the word, George Reynolds can be considered a hero. When he was a three-sports star at Agawam High School in the late 1920's, this is when Sam Provo found George Reynolds to be his personal "hero."

Mr. Provo would become a hero in his own right in the 1930's as a star athlete at Agawam High, being mentored by none other than Mr. Reynolds.

The 1928 Agawam High graduate, who has lived in this community for over 70 years, has served townspeople with grace and distinction since 1933, when he first accepted a teaching job in the Agawam School System. Mr. Reynolds also gave old Harmon Smith a breather as the varsity baseball coach for six years (1933-1939).

When he left the Agawam Schools that year for a position in a neighboring system, Mr. Reynolds didn't really leave Agawam. His ensuing years of political, social, and civic accomplishments is truly remarkable.

As a public servant, for instance, he served on the town's second Planning Board in 1945;

was appointed to Agawam's first Housing Authority; was the building inspector (6 years); served on both the School Building Survey Committee and later the Agawam High Building Committee; was an assessor (9 years); longtime member of the Republican Town Committee; Town Meeting member; Board of Appeals (3 years); member of the first committee that established funding for elderly programs in Agawam (1966); and finally, served as a member of the Board of Selectmen from 1967-1970.

He retired from education in 1970 after 37 years. In 1953, he even served as the town's superintendent of schools.

During the days when partisan government ruled Agawam, even the most ardent Agawam Democrats respected Mr. Reynolds' demeanor and good sense in helping to resolve governmental matters.

His list of civic involvement is also impressive. He was the first commissioner of the Agawam Little League (1954); was the president of the old Agawam Lettermen's Club which awarded scholarships to AHS athletes; was on the committee responsible for naming the high school playing fields after Harmon Smith; and is currently a 31-year member of the Agawam Cemetery Commission and the treasurer of the Agawam Historical Association.

Mr. Reynolds told us one of his proudest moments in local government came on the

town meeting floor in 1966 when he managed to push through an article which funneled state funding to Agawam for senior citizen programs. "I'm still very proud of that, to this day," he said.

He also takes great pride in recalling that when the new Agawam High School was built on the 28-acre site once used to raise pigs, it became the first new, modern high school in the area.

"The surrounding communities used our new school as a model and came to us for advice on how to go about building a school in their respective towns," Mr. Reynolds said.

After over a half a century of serving Agawam, Mr. Reynolds said this about Agawam: "The people of Agawam are ambitious, ingenious, enthusiastic; you can't lick them and they will accomplish the unbelievable. The attitude of the people in this town is just tremendous."

He added, "The only problem I ever found in the town was that some people fail to recognize what their positions are, and this can create difficulties. Still, my experience with Agawam has always been very pleasant and I've never been disappointed with the town."

If there was a Massachusetts Hall Of Fame for being a statesman, George Reynolds' picture would certainly be hanging in a lofty place for his years of serving Agawam.

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: We received such favorable response to our editorial about Ray Charest several weeks ago, we thought we'd continue to recognize Agawam residents with 30 or more years logged in serving the community.



Agawam Public Schools

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING For Proposed Fiscal Year 1986 School Budget

**MARCH 26, 1985
7:30 P.M.**

AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Per Order Agawam School Committee Chairman, Walter Balboni



Families

"We're Glad That Spring Is On The Way..."



THE FORASTIERE BOYS, Matthew, 8, (left) and Michael, 6, (right) couldn't wait to get outside to enjoy last weekend's great weather to enjoy outside activities. In center is Jason Daly, 10. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam High Class Of 1950 Sets 30th Reunion Plans

The Agawam High School class of 1950 will be holding their 35th reunion on April 27th, at the Oak Ridge Country Club.

The committee has been unable to locate the following classmates: Robert Hyland, Nancy Hall Aramini, Alice Rossman Jones, Robert Jones, Francis St. Jacques, and Ronald Irving.

If you have any information as to their whereabouts, please call Rita (Shea) Culverhouse, 786-0378.

Kathleen A. Comee To Wed Mr. Wyckoff Of Rosie Lane

Irene Pigeon of Rosie Lane and Chester Comee of Alfred Circle, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen Ann Comee, to Christopher Wyckoff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wyckoff of Rosie Lane.

Both Miss Comee and Mr. Wyckoff attended Agawam schools. The bride-elect is employed by Hallmark Cards in Enfield, Connecticut. Her fiancé is employed by Excel Corporation, East Longmeadow. A September 7th wedding is planned.

Agawam Unico To Host Quarterly District Meeting

Agawam Chapter of Unico National will host the Third Quarterly Massachusetts District I meeting on Tuesday, March 26th, at DaVinci's Restaurant, 60 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Agawam Chapter president Bruno Maule, has arranged for a fine Italian dinner for district chapters from Westfield, West Springfield, Springfield, East Longmeadow, Wilbraham, Ludlow, and Worcester.

Massachusetts District I governor Raymond Caputo of the Wilbraham Chapter will discuss Unico's upcoming agenda, including the Telethon Drive on Sunday, March 31st, with TV 22 hosting; the Governor's Ball on April 13th in Worcester; and District "Man of the Year."

Following the district meeting, Caputo will have a short meeting with chapter presidents and membership chairmen.

Unico is the largest Italian-American service organization in the United States.

Lisa M. Longtin Engaged To Mr. Ruddock of F.H.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Longtin of 259 River Road, Agawam, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Marie Longtin, to Mark Stephen Ruddock. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Ruddock of 29 Parkview Drive, Feeding Hills.

The bride-to-be is a 1979 graduate of Agawam High School and a 1983 graduate of American International College with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She is presently employed as a registered nurse at Yale-New Haven Hospital's Neuro-Intensive Care Unit.

Mr. Ruddock is a 1976 graduate of Agawam High School. He received a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering in 1982 from Western New England College and a masters of science in electrical engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology in 1983. He is employed as a management consultant with Highland and Associates, LTD, Salem, New York.

A May 25th wedding is planned.

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Agawam Historical Assn. Wants To Help "Miss Liberty"

The Agawam Historical Association will sponsor a townwide drive for the Statue of Liberty Preservation Fund.

As is probably well-known by now, the "lady" needs a great deal of restoration work to assure her remaining the symbol of freedom for all who enter the United States via the New York Harbor.

For this reason, the Historical Association has agreed to handle the local organization of this endeavor.

The drive will be held the week of April 22nd to 27th, 1985. Donations may be sent, at that time, to the Feeding Hills Post Office, P. O. Box 1886. Checks should be made payable to the Statue of Liberty Preservation Fund. Please DO NOT make them payable to the Agawam Historical Association.

The Association's goal is to have as many families as possible represented in this drive. The Association would like to ask for a \$1 donation from each family. Of course, any amount will be gratefully appreciated.

The Association is most anxious for all residents to know there will be NO door-to-door canvassing and NO children collecting at malls or stores. All contributions will be made by mail to the Post Office box as stated earlier.

More publicity will follow as the week of the drive approaches.

Following the final tally, a complete report will be made to the townspeople by the Agawam Historical Association.

Westfield State College Has Program On Latin America

The academic community and the general public will soon be offered an opportunity to learn about one of the most significant social and political realities of our time — the dictator in Latin America.

The Department of Modern Languages at Westfield State College will sponsor a one-day symposium on "The Dictator in Latin America as a Historical Entity and a Fictional Character."

The symposium will address the role of the dictator as the collaborator of U.S. interests in the Western Hemisphere and will also assess his merits as a fertile source of literary inspiration.

In addition to representatives from many of the area colleges and universities, several prominent political scientists, historians and literary critics, are scheduled to appear at the Saturday, March 30th event. Speakers include Fernando Alegria of Stanford University, Roberto Vargas from the Embassy of the Republic of Nicaragua, and Roberto Gonzalez Echevarria of Yale University.

According to symposium director Dr. Napoleon Sanchez of Westfield State College, organizers of the program feel that a multiple perspective will provide a better understanding of the role played by the dictator in the relationship between the United States and Latin America.

Persons interested in attending the March 30th event should contact Dr. Sanchez at (413) 568-3311, extension 354 to obtain the required pre-registration forms. The \$9 pre-registration fee includes a luncheon reservation. Registration on the day of the conference is \$10. Students may register free with a valid I.D.

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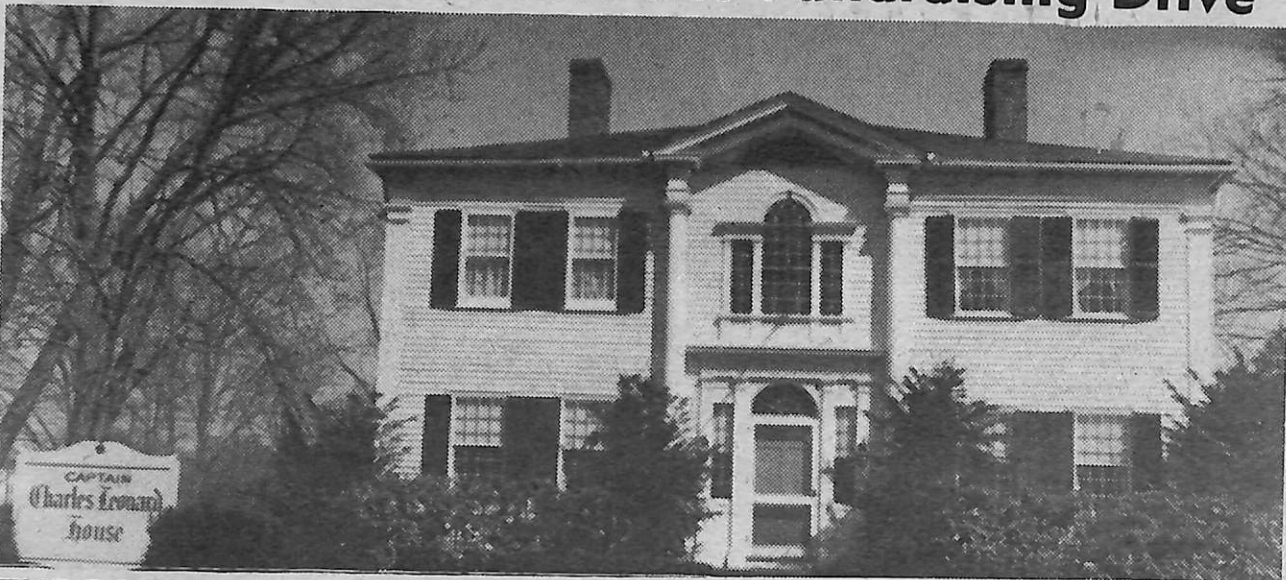
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TRUSTEES OF THE CAPTAIN CHARLES LEONARD HOUSE hosted Acting Deputy Fire Chief Douglas Kerr for a program on fire safety in the historic home, on Tuesday, March 12th. From left - Trustee Dale Melanson, Kerr, Win Stahle, Betty Pond, Esther Reynolds, Art Fuchs, and Dot Martin. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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MEMBERS OF THE CECCARINI FAMILY were on hand to honor Renzo Ceccarini on the occasion of his retirement from the Agawam Fire Department. From left - Stephen and Tom Ceccarini, Mary Avonti, Renzo, Jean, Renzo's wife, Mark, and Paul Ceccarini. A testimonial was held Saturday, March 9th, at the Turnverein on Garden Street. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM FIRE DEPARTMENT officials were only too glad to get into a photo with Renzo and Jean Ceccarini at the Saturday, March 9th, testimonial. From left - Douglas Kerr, acting deputy fire chief; Don Curran, acting lieutenant; Renzo & Jean, and Rusty Jenks, acting fire chief. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Renzo Ceccarini Retires From AFD

by Dorine Kubik
Advertiser News Feature Writer

For 30 years, Renzo T. Ceccarini has been protecting Agawam, the town where he was born and raised, from the destruction of fire. But at the end of February he retired from the Agawam Fire Department and will now be taking life a little easier.

A retirement party was held for Ceccarini at the Springfield Turnverein on Garden Street in Feeding Hills, on Saturday night, March 9th.

Co-workers, friends, and relatives gathered to celebrate his retirement. During an interview a few days later at his Howard Street home, Ceccarini spoke about his future. "I like fishing and hunting and my wife and I are going to try traveling," he said.

A plaque and special citation are on display over their fireplace in the living room in honor of his retirement.

Acting Fire Chief Russell Jenks presented the plaque to Ceccarini, displaying the retiree's badge number and years of service, while Kenneth Blaire presented a special citation from the Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts.

Family Man

Ceccarini has lived in North Agawam all of his life. Many members of the Ceccarini family live nearby and he belongs to St. Anthony's Church in the same neighborhood.

He began working as a firefighter in the former Station One that was once located in North Agawam. At the time of his retirement, he was at the Elm Street Station. He is married to the former Jean Braica and they have five grown children. Their oldest is a daughter, Mary (Avonti) and they have four sons, Thomas, Paul, Stephen, and Mark.

Mrs. Ceccarini said, "I'm happy Renz is able to retire, but I am going to keep that little red book forever!" She explained that the little red book was a schedule book from the Fire Department.

"I lived by that good book," she said. "If the family wanted to go somewhere, they always had to consult the schedule book to see if Renz was working day or night duty. It was very difficult when the children were small."

Ceccarini was on the C-Group and for 28 years worked on various shifts.

Army Veteran

As a young man, prior to becoming a member of the AFD, Ceccarini served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was overseas in Italy and France.

He worked at the Springfield Armory after the service and started in the Agawam Call Fire Department in January 1954. He began in the Agawam Fire Department in June 1957. He appears to be enjoying his retirement as he sat back leisurely in his chair, smoking a cigar, and planning fishing trips to his favorite spots at Lake Otis and Littleville.

Trout fishing is one of his favorite sports and the boat in his backyard looks ready to go. Deer hunting is another favorite sport and he will find plenty of time to match his son's trophy on display in the living room.



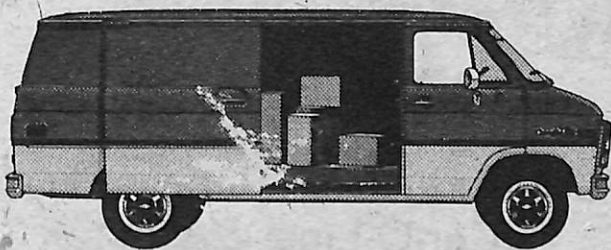
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Agawam Kick-Off For Cancer Society
Agawam Rollaway
7:30 p.m.

Monday, March 18th
Catholic Women's Club Meeting
St. John's Parish Center
8:00 P.M.

Saturday, March 23rd
"Americana Showcase"
Merriweds of Agawam Congo Church
Main Street
All Day

Saturday, March 23rd
"Spring Dance"
James Clark P.T.O.
Polish American Club
8:00 p.m. to Midnight

Sunday, March 24th
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Agawam Junior Women's Club
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MORE FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

by Vi Massoia

Graduates of the Class of July 1984, Western Massachusetts Hospital School of Practical Nurses, rank number one in their scores on the practical nursing licensing exam administered by the National Council of State Boards on Nursing, according to a recent report received by School Director Myrtle Bennett, R.N., B.S.N.

The national scale score mean average was 506.9, the Massachusetts mean was 528.7, and the Western Massachusetts Hospital School's mean was 603.9.

Out of 25 Massachusetts schools for practical nursing, WMH's school graduates were tops. "I take my hat off to them and to the school's faculty for this impressive effort," said Blake M. Molleur, executive director of the hospital. "It is really something to be proud of."

The 27 licensed practical nurses included SUSAN BRYANT of Agawam, JUDITH LANDERS of Feeding Hills, EILEEN ROSE of Agawam, and KATHLEEN RUSSO, also of Agawam.

BARBARA MOREAU has been accepted into the Young People's Symphony. She will be touring Yugoslavia and Austria with them in June. She has played the violin for the past five years. Her parents are RAY and MARGUERITE MOREAU of North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Congratulations Barbara.

One special bond between this grandson and grandfather is the fact that they share the same birth date. On Thursday, March 14th, TONY RUSCIO will be 3

years-old and FRANCIS JOHNSON of Cooper Street, Agawam, will be 63 years-old. A family party to celebrate both birthdays was held at the home of TONY and LORETTA (CUNEO) RUSCIO of Clover Hill Drive, Feeding Hills.

Brother MICHAEL, age 1 1/2, was more than willing to help celebrate as was Fran's wife, ROSE.

Fran is retired from Burke Beverage of Chicopee. Tony enjoys doing things with Grampa Fran, such as riding in Grampa's truck that he recently bought.

Happy birthday to both.

Thirty-eight students at Holyoke Community College have been named to the 1985 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

The students were selected on the basis of academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success. Students honored in the annual directory, which was first published in 1934, are selected from more than 1,500 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

EILEEN MCMAHON of 17 Merrell Drive, Agawam, was one of the students.

Belated birthday wishes are being sent to ROSE PARO of Sequoia Drive, Feeding Hills. She celebrated her birthday on March 12th. Happy birthday Rose.

Belated birthday wishes to JOHN (FRED) JURY SR. of Alfred Street, Agawam who celebrated his 85th birthday on March 8th.

This retired custodian from the Agawam School System celebrated the day with a family dinner, given by his daughter-in-law, RENEE and son, JACK.

On hand to help Grandpa celebrate were grandsons JACK, a medical technology student at Mercy Hospital, and DAN, a student at the University of Massachusetts.

Sorry to have missed Grandpa's birthday were STEVE, a student at the University of New Hampshire, and LORI, a senior at Agawam High.

ODETTE BENJAMIN and EDYTHE COUGHLIN, both of Agawam, joined Fred's family on the "special" occasion.

Happy 12th birthday wishes go to JOEY VALEGO of Meadow Street, Agawam. He is celebrating his birthday on Thursday, March 14th. This Agawam Middle School 6th grader is the son of WALTER and CHICKIE VALEGO.

Best wishes from family and friends are being sent to FANNY PEDULLA of Meadow Street, Agawam. This really should be a belated message because Wednesday, March 13th, was her birthday.

A little bird told me that D. J. CHEVALIER of North Alhambra Circle, Agawam, will be celebrating his 21st birthday on Tuesday, March 19th, and would like to say, "Happy Birthday, D.J."

STEPHEN DOMENIC VECCHARELLI was baptized on Sunday, March 3rd in Chicopee. Sharing the honor of being godparents were PHILIP VECCHARELLI of Kellogg Avenue, Feeding Hills, and his fiancée, JODI FERRARO of Henry Street, Feeding Hills.

Stephen is the son of DOMENIC and MARY VECCHARELLI of Chicopee, and the grandson of PHIL and MARY VECCHARELLI of Kellogg Avenue, Feeding Hills.

The Veccharellis greeted many family members and friends at the Sacred Heart Parish Center to celebrate the baptism.

Happy birthday to PHILIP GAYLOR. He will be 12 years-old on Friday, March 15th.

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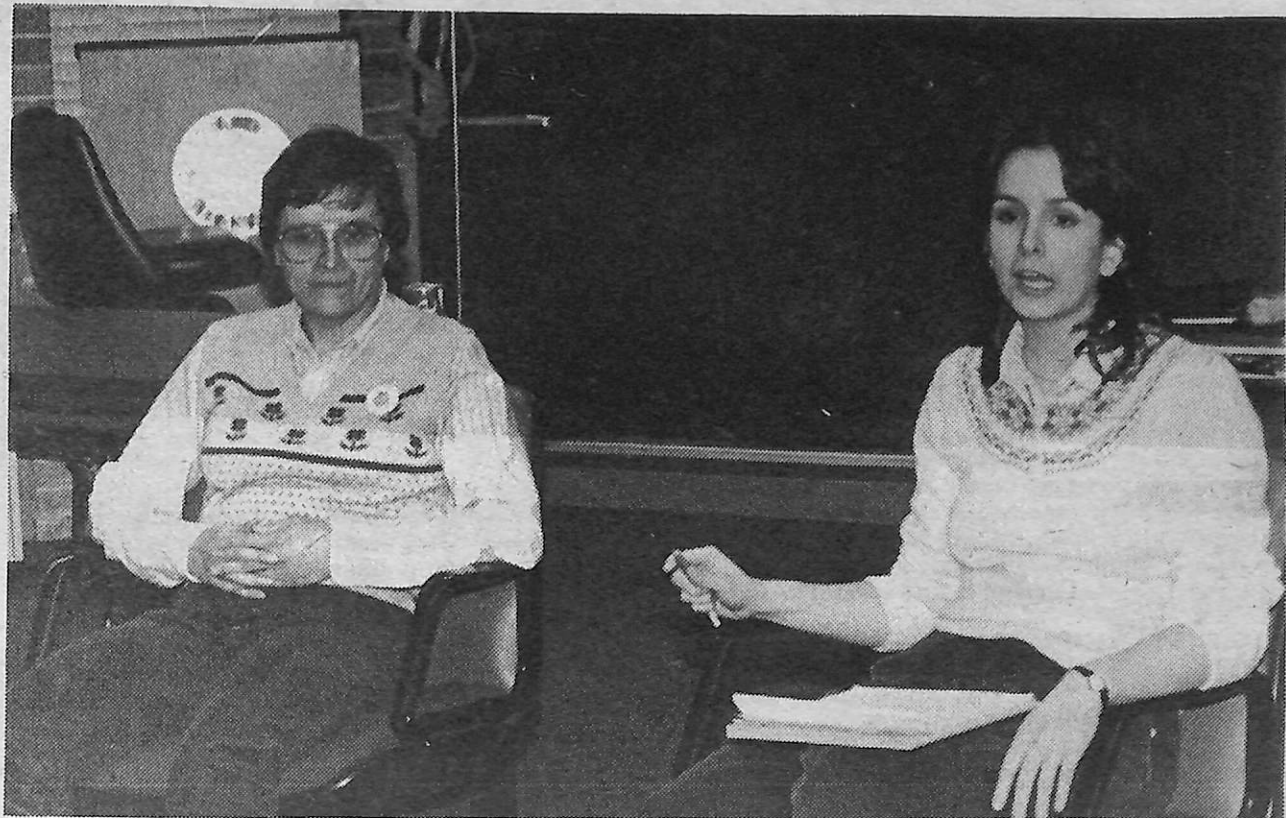
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THE PUSKEY SISTERS, Pearl (left) and Kara, are utilizing their teaching talents for the benefit of Agawam's senior citizens in a creative writing course at the Agawam Public Library. The course is part of local resident Jude Ziemba's "Educational Parameters For The Elderly" project. (More photos on Page 11).

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Junior Women's Fashion Tickets On Sale

"The Spirit of Spring" will be the theme for the Agawam Junior Women's Club Annual Fashion Show to be held on Sunday, March 24th, at 11:00 a.m. The event will be held at the Colosseum Banquet House on Memorial Avenue, West Springfield.

For a \$10 donation, you will have the opportunity to preview spring fashions from Petite Sophisticate and Thimbles and also enjoy a delicious brunch consisting of chilled fruit, scrambled eggs, creamed chicken, grill-

ed ham and sausage, home fried potatoes, fresh baked warm muffins, toast, coffee, tea or sanka. Upon arrival, bloody mary and screwdriver punches will be available while registering for door prizes and purchasing raffle tickets.

Since the supply of tickets is going quickly, call for yours today. Tickets can be obtained by calling Fashion Show chairwoman Betsy Sardella at 789-2005 or Marlene Harlin at 789-1443.

Catholic Women's Club Slates March 18th Meeting

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will hold its March meeting on Monday evening, March 18th, at 8:00 p.m., in the Parish Center at St. John the Evangelist Church. Mrs. James Doyle will preside.

Rabbi Jerome Gurland, cultural liaison co-ordinator and lecturer at Western New England College, will be the guest speaker. His subject will be Family Life.

Rabbi Gurland teaches courses at WNEC in humanities and social problems, and during winter break, teaches a three-credit course in Israel.

He received his B.A. in German from Brooklyn College and his doctorate in Hebrew letters from Hebrew Union College, where he was also ordained.

Program chairwoman is Mrs. Doyle. Refreshments will be served by Mrs. Mark Fountain and the following committee: Mrs. Edmund Colby, Mrs. Philip DeForge, Mrs. Janet Conway, Mrs. Albert Taupier, Mrs. Raymond Petit, Mrs. Bruno Grabowski, Mrs. Thomas McGovern, and Mrs. Lois Miodowski.

FRIENDS - From Page 9...

Celebrating her birthday on Monday, March 18th, is

DIANE GOODMAN of Roberta Circle, Agawam. She is a 1984 graduate of Agawam High School and is currently a first year student at Western New England College. Accounting and marketing management is her field.

Happy birthday Diane.

Friends and Neighbors congratulate all the students of Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, who will be confirmed on Monday, March 18th.

Local Elderly Go Back To School

by Dorine Kubik
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Agawam resident Jude Ziemba firmly believes in education for the elderly as a form of mental stimulation in their later years.

To prove her point, she has established her own business, EDUCATIONAL PARAMETERS FOR THE ELDERLY, has written two books on the subject, and is now working on a third.

Mrs. Ziemba is also a speaker on her favorite subject and plans to introduce her ideas on a national basis.

During an interview with Mrs. Ziemba at her Tracy Drive home, she said, "I want to enrich the lives of every elderly person." She is of the opinion that elderly people want the education and added, "We owe it to them." She firmly believes that "if one is not mentally stimulated, one does not have anything left in life."

"Education helps the elderly remain alert, independent, and enriches their lives."

Pilot Program

Mrs. Ziemba started a pilot program at the Agawam Senior Center through the Agawam Council on Aging. She said that because she is a member of the Council on Aging, she gives her time freely to assist them in establishing an educational outreach program, offering educational opportunities for seniors in Agawam and Feeding Hills.

Included in the present program is a six-week course in modern literature, a drama workshop re-scheduled for March 12th, and a computer class.

Classes are also being held at the Agawam Public Library in conjunction with education for the elderly. Creative Writing I is now being offered and Creative Writing II will be starting. There is also a library science class scheduled for April, introducing library skills.

Mrs. Ziemba said that she is in the process of trying to bring the educational program to the housing for the elderly on North Westfield Street and at Pheasant Hill. All of the teachers are volunteers from several walks of life, including professional people and professors.

Future Plans

Mrs. Ziemba's future plans include setting up a board of advisors. She intends to have top educational advisors on the board throughout the country. "I want educators on my board," she said. "This is not a program that can be taken lightly."

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REVIEWING A MODERN LITERATURE COURSE at the Agawam Senior Center are, standing, from left - Richard Mundo, executive director and instructor; Laura Dugan, and Alwyn Shepard. Sitting - Odette Benjamin, Kay Aldrich, and Norma Wheeler. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM SENIOR CITIZENS ABBEY & JOHN AYERS at the Creative Writing Course that was taught at the Agawam Public Library, as part of Jude's Ziembra's and the Agawam Council on Aging "Educational Parameters For The Elderly" project. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

ELDERLY COURSES - From Page 10...

Mrs. Ziembra was born in Chicago, Illinois, but was raised in Minnetonka, Minnesota. She is married to Richard Ziembra and has lived in Agawam six years. She is the mother of three grown children.

Her son, Curt, is married and her two daughters attend college. Darcey is at Fitchburg State College and Eva is at Becker Junior College.

Mrs. Ziembra was employed by Heritage Hall Nursing home in Agawam five years, and there she developed an education program for the elderly. This program included both men and women averaging 85 years-old.

After leaving Heritage Hall, she started a pilot program as a volunteer at the Agawam Senior Center. She also serves as secretary to the Council on Aging which is also a volunteer position.

Mrs. Ziembra has also written many plays and will be offering a drama workshop for seniors at the center. All of the participants will be over 60 and the play will be followed by a dinner.

Home Security Program At Agawam Senior Center

On Tuesday, March 26th, at 1:00 p.m., Northeast Utilities (NU), in conjunction with the Agawam Police Department and the Agawam Council on Aging, will conduct a home security program at the Agawam Senior Center.

"The home security program is part of NU's Energy Care Program to encourage our customers to keep warm during the winter months and safe and healthy throughout the year," stated David S. Clouse, community outreach representative for NU.

The session will include basic information about home lighting, locks and alarms. A slide presentation will also be featured, illustrating the safety techniques discussed in the program.

Other speakers will include Officer James Frantz of the Agawam Police Department, and Virginia Hennessey of the Agawam Council on Aging.

Seating is limited. Anyone interested in attending should contact the Agawam Council on Aging by noon of March 25th.

James Clark P.T.O. Plans Spring Dance

The James Clark P.T.O. is having a Spring Dance on Saturday night, March 23rd, at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills between the hours of 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Music will be provided by disc jockey Richard Ardolino of Hit Man Productions.

Dance chairwomen Donna Harvey and Pat Belisle really appreciate the help they have received from first grade teachers Gail Curnow and Cheryl Mardeusz.

Bring your friends and neighbors for a fun-filled evening of music, food and prizes. Tickets are \$5 per person and are available by calling 786-8740. (No tickets will be sold at the door).

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The deadline for ordering is Saturday, March 23rd. All orders must be prepaid and received at Laughing Brook by this date. Quantities are limited, and orders will be filled according to the date received. The trees will be available for pickup at Laughing Brook on Saturday, May 11th, between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

This year's sale retains the most popular evergreens from previous sales and also offers a tree and two shrubs, especially suited for attracting native birds and wildlife.

The evergreens include Colorado Blue Spruce, White Spruce, American Arborvitae, Scotch Pine, and Norway Spruce. A special limited offer of hard-to-find Canadian Hemlock transplants will also be available.

These Western Main Evergreens are transplants, not seedlings, and all possess a heavy fibrous root system. Root pruning and 2-3 years in transplant beds have resulted in strong trees, well-equipped to survive under most growing conditions.

The evergreens are all four year transplants (except Scotch Pine, a three year transplant) that stand 6 to 18 inches. They may be planted in hedges to provide windbreaks, sound barriers, or privacy.

The bird-attracting shrubs offered are Autumn Olive and Red Barberry, and the White Flowering Dogwood trees.

These fruiting shrubs are seedlings, 12 to 24 inches in height. These were chosen for their hardiness and attractiveness to native wildlife as sources of cover, food, and nesting sites. They may be planted along woodland borders, used as property boundaries, windbreaks, in clumps or singly.

All orders for the Tree and Shrub Sale must be received by March 23rd. The prices on the plants vary, but members of the Massachusetts Audubon Society receive a discount.

To receive an order form or for more information, call Laughing Brook at 566-8034, Tuesday to Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

300,000 People Expected For Holyoke's St. Patrick's Parade

The 34th annual Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Sunday, March 17th.

The parade steps off at 11:45 a.m., from the K-Mart Shopping Plaza on Northampton Street. It follows a route over Northampton Street to Beech Street, then to Hampden Street and South on High Street.

Over 15,000 marchers are expected for the parade, including the First Philadelphia String Marching Band, a mummer unit, and many local high school bands. As in the past, the Melha Shrine Temple marching units will also be participating.

The parade will be led by Grand Marshal James E. O'Leary.

The 1985 John F. Kennedy National Award winner is Frank McGuire, a member of the Basketball Hall of Fame. He will be joined in the parade with past National Award winners including, Bishop Joseph F. Maguire, Lawrence O'Brien, Dan Devine, Maureen O'Hara, John F. Collins, John N. Dempsey and Thomas P. Salmon.

A crowd of over 300,000 is expected to watch the parade on the streets of Holyoke. The parade will be televised live over WWLP Channel 22.

Community Grange Presents Program On Hazardous Waste

The Community Grange will meet Tuesday, March 19th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall on North West Street, Feeding Hills.

Gary Beluzo, assistant professor, Environmental Science Division, Holyoke Community College, will present the program, "Controlling Hazardous Waste." The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be followed by a question and answer period. The public is invited to attend.

Beluzo attended Holyoke Community College, Springfield College and the University of Massachusetts, and has earned degrees in biology and environmental science. He has worked with several consultant firms, including G.C.A. Technical Division, Bedford, Massachusetts, and worked on the Love Canal Project in 1980.

Members of the Community Grange will have a meeting following the program.

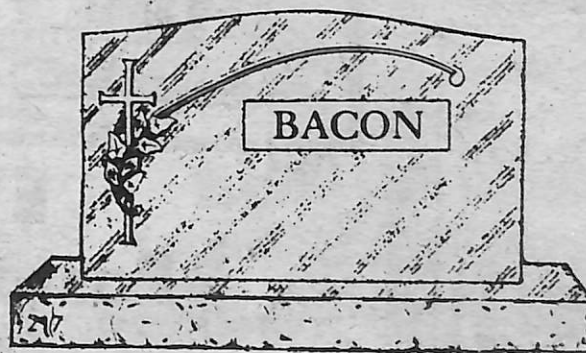
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Local Personalities Help Mass. Easter Seals



PICTURED FROM LEFT - Doug Hawkes, WHYN Radio personality, with Beth Carroll and Dave Madsen, co-anchors of WWLP TV-22 weeknight news. This popular trio will be the hosts on TV-22's Easter Seal Telethon on March 30th and 31st. Also in photo are Western Massachusetts Easter Seal children David & Matthew Gonyea of East Longmeadow.

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News, Activities At The Agawam Senior Center

PLEASE NOTE — CORRECTION

The talk on computers by Professor Pollito of Springfield College will be held at the Senior Center on Monday, March 18th, at 2:00 p.m.

Coming right up on Tuesday, March 19th, at 12:15 p.m., the St. Patrick's Day entertainment by Fats Daniel and his musical group. This is being made possible by Local 171, the Springfield Musician's Union.

Table Tennis & Ladies' Pool

For some physical activity at the Senior Center, there are classes for table tennis and for "ladies' pool." On Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 p.m., there is instruction in table tennis, but the facilities for a game with a friend are available every day, except Wednesday.

The pool tables are available to the ladies, including an instructor, on Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m.

Hobby Club

If you prefer a more passive exercise, come share your talents at the Hobby Club on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. This group is very creative and is looking for new members. They recently made the decorations (and put them up) for the St. Patrick's Day events at the Center.

Home Security Program

On Tuesday, March 26th, at 1:00 p.m., at the center, Northeast Utilities, in conjunction with the Agawam Police Department and Council on Aging, will conduct a home security program.

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Other speakers will include, Police Officer James Frantz, and Virginia Hennessey, of the Council on Aging. We suggest that you call the center by noon on Monday, March 25th, if you plan to attend since seating is limited.

Senior Center Mini-College Course

The pilot series of educational courses be-

ing offered to Agawam Seniors by the Council on Aging, in conjunction with Educational Parameters for the Elderly, are being very well-received and are certainly filling a long-felt need for this type of activity.

A wide variety of courses are being developed; watch this column to keep posted on the new ones as they are presented. There is bound to be a course for you.

Already completed are the six-week courses on Modern Literature and Creative Writing. All participants have felt enriched and consider it time very well spent.

Modern Literature: Richard Mundo led his Modern Literature group in studying and discussing three books: *Animal Farm* by George Orwell; *The Stranger* by Albert Camus; and *The Jungle* by Upton Sinclair. The class expressed a desire for Modern Literature to be continued and a second six-week course will begin on Thursday, April 18th, at 1:00 p.m., at the Senior Center.

Authors being considered for this second period are Edith Wharton, Ernest Hemingway, Henry James, Thomas Hardy and Margaret Mitchell. If you enjoy reading, sign up for this course that will start April 18th. Call 786-0400, extension 242.

Creative Writing: This six-week course has been completed by an enthusiastic group of seniors with interesting stories to write about. They were most ably instructed by Kara Puskey, assisted by her sister Pearl.

They were able to impart a great deal of information, not only through lectures and writing assignment, but also "visually," il-

lustrating how to get ideas on paper. The current participants were eager to go on for another six weeks and a continuation course will start on Wednesday, April 3rd, at the Agawam Public Library, at 5:45 p.m.

Drama Workshop: Postponed a week because of the March 5th storm, this class got underway on March 12th, under the direction of Judes Ziemba and Vera Conway. The course offers an opportunity for a large number of people to become involved in many ways. It will culminate with a dinner-theatre type production of a wedding in a medieval setting, involving acting, singing and dining.

Besides the actual cast, there is a need for a group of non-acting people to work on the many "behind the scenes" facets of the production. If you haven't already signed up, stop in Tuesday, March 19th, at 1:00 p.m., at the Senior Center, and find your niche in this program that promises fun and fellowship, as well as a rewarding sense of accomplishment.

Library Skills: The newest offering in this educational program for Agawam seniors is being presented at the Agawam Public Library, on Thursday mornings from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., starting on April 4th. It will cover the following material: **Reference**, under the direction of Diane McNamara, reference librarian; **Cataloging and Classification**, with Susi Peterson; **Special Services**, with Jeanne Hoffman; and **Management and Budget**, with library director Mary Silverberg.

Participants will have assignments to be carried out with the assistance of the library staff. This is an opportunity for you to learn how to make full use of the library facilities. Again, for registration, call the COA office at 786-0400, ext. 242.

Sunday, March 17, 1985

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men." Titus 2:11

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Anne Sullivan: Feeding Hills' Heroine

Publisher's Note: In the second of a two-part series, local historians Marilyn & Dick Curry explore the life of Feeding Hills native Anne Sullivan. In Part I, the Currys detailed the tough childhood and young adulthood Anne encountered, and how she eventually became educated at the Perkins Institute. From there, she met Helen Keller.

Part II

Upon graduation from Perkins Institute, Anne Sullivan was offered a teaching position to the young blind and deaf girl from Tuscumbia, Alabama. Anne accepted! In this, her first and life-long endeavor, Anne had three advantages:

First, Anne had access to a teaching program that had been established by Dr. Howe who had previously worked with Laura Bridgman. Second, Anne Sullivan had herself experienced the feeling of total blindness, as did Helen Keller. Third, Anne had developed the mental discipline necessary to withstand the tremendous task that lay before her.

Anne's task was frightful from the beginning! A Yankee from New England, she entered a world far beyond her greatest expectations, since Helen's father had been a captain in the Army of the Confederacy.

Moreover, Helen Keller had been totally spoiled in her earlier years. Although Anne must have had moments of doubt concerning her ability to cope with Helen Keller's true initiation to life, she did persevere and finally convinced the family to allow Anne her own ways with Helen.

Learned Key To The Language Barrier

By April 5th, 1887, Helen had learned the key to the language barrier. For both Anne and Helen Keller, two individuals so much attuned in their personalities, yet so far apart in their circumstances, success seemed imminent!

In time, news of Anne's achievement had reached the public eye and finally both tutor and student were to embark upon a northern tour. In time, the two women were to encounter many notable figures of importance.

But, without doubt, the most significant personality they met was Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, who was to have the greatest influence on Anne.

The years of Helen Keller's formal education were most difficult for student and "Teacher," as Anne Sullivan was now known. Certainly, there had been moments when Anne must have considered an advancement in Helen's career too far beyond the teacher's competency, yet Anne continued to remain the ever-faithful teacher and companion to Helen.

Finally, in 1898, Helen had enrolled in the Cambridge School for Young Ladies. For a time, the director of the school attempted to separate student from teacher, but through the intervention of Mrs. Keller and Dr. Bell, the decision was made that no separation would take place, and never again would any such attempt be made to separate the two women.

In time, Helen Keller, with the assistance of Anne Sullivan, was to graduate with honors from Radcliff College. At this time Anne met her future husband, John Macy. Meanwhile, Helen wrote her book, *The Story of My Life*, which mentioned Anne Sullivan only as a courtesy to "Teacher's" request.

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ON JUNE 28TH, 1980, dedication ceremonies were held on the Feeding Hills Green, as Anne Sullivan and Helen Keller were memorialized with a commemorative stamp. At left is Feeding Hills Postmaster Joseph Dahdah, with a U.S. Postal official from Washington. At right is Jean Taylor and local historian Marilyn Curry. Advertiser News file photo by Jack Devine.



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But ultimately, the war against arson must be fought by you - the men, women and children of our community. Arson is a crime of a moment - in a flash vandals strike and are gone. Revenge - and profit-minded arsonists can cloak their approach and departure in the guise of everyday activity. Often, it is the witness who has happened, purely by chance, to catch a fleeting glimpse of "something that didn't look right" who helps solve a case, convict an arsonist, and make our area just a little safer to live in.

Arson endangers us all - and we all share the burden of paying for it. If you have information, pick up the phone and share that too - it's the fire-wise thing to do!

ANNE SULLIVAN - From Page 14...

On May 2nd, 1905, Anne Sullivan was married to John Macy. Helen had graduated from college. Though there might have been some temporary doubt as to Anne's remaining with Helen Keller, it was finally decided the two steadfast companions would forever remain together.

Throughout their lifetime, Anne Sullivan Macy was to remain in the shadow of Helen Keller, but this was not to dismay "Teacher," who was content to let the world shower its accolades on her student. After all, Helen Keller was a living symbol of Anne's interminable persistence and dedication to the young girl from Tuscomb who might otherwise never have achieved such success and distinction!

For a period of several years, Anne, Helen and John Macy, lived in Wrentham, Massachusetts. Anne's eyesight continued to diminish, yet she persisted in remaining the faithful teacher to Helen. In time, John Macy was to slowly drift farther apart from his wife whose life had, years before, been totally committed to her student.

For a while, the two now famous women experienced a number of financial endeavors intended to provide a monetary mainstay that they might continue to survive.

Dedicate Lives To Lecturing And Writing

During the ensuing years, news of the "Miracle Worker," Anne Sullivan Macy, and her prodigy, Helen Keller, spread throughout the world. Before long, both women were to dedicate the remainder of their lives to writing books and lecturing.

Eventually, they were to move to Forest Hills, New York. It was about this period of time, 1927 to 1930, that Anne made several trips to Feeding Hills, hoping to learn more concerning her parents and relatives. However, the memories of her childhood seemed understandably painful and after 1930, she never again returned to her hometown.

On October 20th, 1936, Anne Sullivan Macy died at their Forest Hills home. Helen Keller died in 1968. Perhaps no greater national tribute could have been paid either woman than the fact that both were buried side by side in the Washington National Cathedral. Anne Sullivan Macy's life is most appropriately summarized in these few words of lasting tribute:

*"Teacher, and yet again
Teacher --- and that was all
It will be my answer
In the dark
When Death call.*

Agawam/Feeding Hills Final Dedication

In 1966, a final tribute was paid to Anne Sullivan with the commemoration certain held in Washington, D.C., Massachusetts, and New York City. On June 23rd, 1974, tribute to Anne Sullivan was brought closer to home. In dedication services at Feeding Hills Center, sponsored by the Agawam Lion's Club and the Agawam Historical Association, a memorial marker was unveiled on the "Parade Grounds."

The first annual award was given to the outstanding student from Agawam High School who was to follow in the footsteps of Anne Sullivan, via the field of special education for the handicapped.

"Anne Sullivan Week" was finally proclaimed by Governor Michael Dukakis in 1976, and on October 16th-17th of that year, a two-day celebration was held in Feeding Hills, whereby a marker was placed at the site of Anne's birthplace, located at the entrance of the drive to the Valley Community Church.

Finally, on June 28th, 1980, both Helen Keller and Anne Sullivan were memorialized with a commemorative stamp issued by the U.S. Postal Service. In the town history of Agawam, historian Edith LaFrancis appropriately describes the full details of these commemorative festivities.

Mrs. LaFrancis speaks on behalf of all the citizens of Agawam and Feeding Hills when she concludes with the following, "With these activities, the Town of Agawam recognized the 'Miracle Worker,' who gave to the afflicted, hope and confidence that handicaps can be overcome."

During this lenten season, Agawam and Feeding Hills, especially can proudly reflect upon our personal trinity: Benjamin Wade, Anne Sullivan and General Creighton Abhrams.

The accomplishments of these people reared within the quiet seclusion of Yankeeedom might readily serve as a continuum of strength for the young people who live within the still quietude of the Connecticut Valley.

For those readers who would enjoy a more in-depth inquiry to Anne Sullivan's life, we suggest the biography by Nella Braddy: *Anne Sullivan Macy, the Story Behind Helen Keller.*

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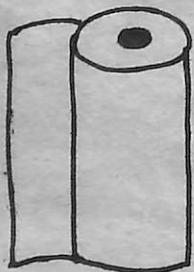
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Agawam Obituaries

Harry G. Dupont

Agawam: A memorial service was held at Agawam Congregational Church for Harry G. Dupont, 64, of 39 Cooper Street, who died March 1st, at Baystate Medical Center. He was born in Ludlow, son of the late Harry and Gertrude (Bergeron) Dupont. He retired in 1975 from the Union Carbide Co., where he had been employed as a service repairman. At one time he worked for the A&P Supermarket in Newport, Vermont. He was a veteran of World War II. He was a member of Agawam Congregational Church and active in its Missions Committee. He leaves his wife, Edith (Sloan) Dupont; a son, Larry of Meriden, Mississippi; a daughter, Patricia Stebbins of Averill Park, New York; a sister, Ruth Lemelin of Springfield; and two grandchildren. The funeral was Tuesday at Converse-Rushford Funeral Home in Newport. Burial was in Derby Center, Vermont, in the spring. Donations may be made to the Missions Committee of Agawam Congregational Church.

Nina M. Huntley

Agawam: Nina M. (Maxwell) Huntley, 86, of 150 Fenner Avenue, Middletown, Rhode Island, died Wednesday in a Middletown nursing home. She had worked as a bookkeeper for the former Black and White Taxi Company in Springfield. Born in Stockbridge, she lived in Springfield and Agawam before moving to Middletown in 1970. She was the widow of Sherman B. Huntley. She leaves a brother, Weyman E. of Torrington, Connecticut. The funeral was Saturday at Agawam Congregational Church with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery. Hanley Funeral Home, Newport, Rhode Island, was in charge. Donations may be made to Corey Ministries, 905 Wapping Road, Portsmouth, Rhode Island, 02871.

Carmela Addeo

Mrs. Carmela (Tirone) Addeo, 86 of 32 Fruwirth Avenue, Feeding Hills, died Monday, March 11th, at Heritage Hall Nursing Home, Agawam.

Born in New York City on August 6th, 1898, she was the daughter of the late Michele & Eugenia (Silvestre) Tirone. She had lived in Bronx, New York, until moving to Agawam in 1972.

She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills, and was the widow of the late Saverio Addeo who died in April 1972.

She leaves a daughter, Tillie C. Lombardi of Feeding Hills, three grandchildren, Nancy Melbourne of Feeding Hills, Robert Lombardi of Ludlow, and Daniel Lombardi of Simsbury, Connecticut; and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral, on Thursday, March 14th, was at the Colonial Funeral Home, 985 Main Street, Agawam, at 8:00 a.m., with a liturgy of Christian burial in Sacred Heart Church at 9:00 a.m. Burial was in New St. Raymond's Cemetery, Bronx, New York.

Visiting hours were on Wednesday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at Colonial Funeral Home.

Juvenile Diabetes Has Speaker

Dr. George S. Eisenbarth, a prominent leader in the field of diabetes research, will speak at a public educational meeting sponsored by the Greater Springfield Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation on Wednesday, March 27th, at 7:30 p.m. His talk will include islet transplantation and other advances in research.

The meeting will be held at the First Church of Christ in Longmeadow, Bailey Hall, 763 Longmeadow Street (Route 5). For more information, contact the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation at 783-0464.

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Into The Night Is Boring And Muddled Mess

John Landis is not a household name, but his films tend to earn big money at the box office. Since the late 1970's, this director has tickled many a moviegoer's funnybone with such comedies as *Animal House*, *The Blues Brothers*, and *Trading Places*.

However, I have a feeling that Landis' latest picture, *Into the Night*, is not going to meet with the same kind of commercial success.

The unlikely hero of this film is Ed Okin (Jeff Goldblum), a good-natured chap who's suffering from a terrible case of insomnia. But, shortly into the story, his problem is magnified when he discovers that his wife is cheating on him.

One late evening, while mulling over the state of his marriage, Ed decides to take a drive in his car and hopes that this last-minute excursion will take his mind off his troubles. However, when he accidentally meets a young woman named Diana (Michelle Pfeiffer), he becomes embroiled in a conflict which makes his worries seem insignificant by comparison.

A damsel in distress who's being chased by four swarthy hoodlums, Diana is at the center of a plan that entails the smuggling of some Iranian gems into the United States. And, since Ed soon finds himself committed to the task of trying to protect her from harm, he realizes that his life is in as much danger as Diana's is.

Perfect Cure For Insomnia

If this movie could be turned into a drug and put on the market, it would provide the perfect cure for the kind of insomnia that plagues the main character in this story. *Into the Night* is a boring thriller which lacks a proper development of suspense.

Whenever a scene promises to become exciting, it always fizzles out through a combination of lackluster dialogue, abrupt endings to the periods of physical action, and characters who aren't too interesting in the first place.

Another reason for the picture's dullness is Goldblum's (*The Big Chill*) acting. This talented young actor, who's prone to giving captivating performances, is a bore to watch because he goes overboard when it comes to conveying the lethargy that results from his character's insomnia. Goldblum speaks his lines in such a dull monotone that he eventually produces a hypnotic effect.

Though I saw this movie at a 10:00 p.m. showing, I was wide-awake and not the least bit drowsy when I entered the theater. But, after watching Goldblum's portrayal of Ed Okin, I felt mentally and physically drained and went immediately to sleep upon returning home.

Into the Night also suffers from an overabundance of minor and background characters. These small roles are actually cameos by a variety of actors and directors, and the presence of these people turns the film into a game in which we're supposed to see how many faces we're able to recognize.

However, the majority of these cameos present two problems. Not only do they make the plot more complex than it should be, but they don't mean anything to most of the audience.

Almost every moviegoer will recognize singer-turned-actor David Bowie and comedian Dan Aykroyd of *Ghostbusters* fame, yet not many people will be able to identify such filmmakers as Roger Vadim (*Barbarella*), Paul Mazursky (*Moscow on the Hudson*), and the picture's own director, John Landis (who hams it up as one of the four ruffians chasing Ed Okin and Diana).

Too Many Unknown Faces

By populating his movie with too many unknown faces, Landis pretty much defeats the purpose of a cameo role. Thus, when the camera lingers on an unfamiliar person, most viewers won't know who he or she is until they see the end credits. And by the time these credits appear, the filmgoers will have probably lost interest in the cameos they couldn't recognize.

Though Landis is primarily a director of lighthearted farce, he does possess a flair for blending comedy with serious elements. In the 1981 picture *An American Werewolf in London*, he mixed macabre humor with gory yet comic bookish violence to create a film that was both offbeat and funny.

But, with *Into the Night*, Landis fails to successfully combine the comical with the dramatic. The plot is essentially a serious one, and the movie does have a couple of realistically violent scenes. However, Landis injects humor throughout most of the dramatic moments, therefore creating an inconsistency in tone and a discordant effect.

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ARNOLD WOODS, frustrated by Linda Nadeau, from Agawam Repertory's Theatre's "The Last Of The Red Hot Lovers", which opens on Friday, March 15th, at Chicopee's Parwick Center. Both are veteran performers with A.R.T. The Neil Simon comedy is directed by Herb Legg.

Agawam Repertory Production East Longmeadow Theatre To Open March 15th To Present *Oliver*

Agawam Repertory Theatre's production, *The Last of the Red Hot Lovers*, now in final stages of rehearsal, drew awards for direction and set design at the Annual Community Theater Association Festival last Saturday in Easthampton. The play opens March 15th and continues March 16th, 22nd, 23rd, 29th and 30th, at Parwick Center, Chicopee.

This Neil Simon comedy is directed by Herb Legg and has Arnold Woods, in mid-life confusion, frustrated by Liza Bonzini, Mary Ann Gatti and Linda Nadeau. Shelby and Dany Texeria are producers.

For information or tickets, please call 786-2421.

The East Longmeadow Community Theatre will open their 27th season with *Oliver*. Production dates are March 22nd, 23rd, 29th, and 30th. Performances will be held at Birchland Junior High School, East Longmeadow, with all seats reserved. For ticket and reservation information, call 525-2260.

Working with director Waldo Goodermote will be producer Diane Gowdy, stage manager Elaine Chaisson, choreographer Lynn Provost, and the production crew, Don and Janet Adeletti, Al Booth, Matt Herrick, and Bob Bartlett. Jackie Odess-Gillette is director of music.

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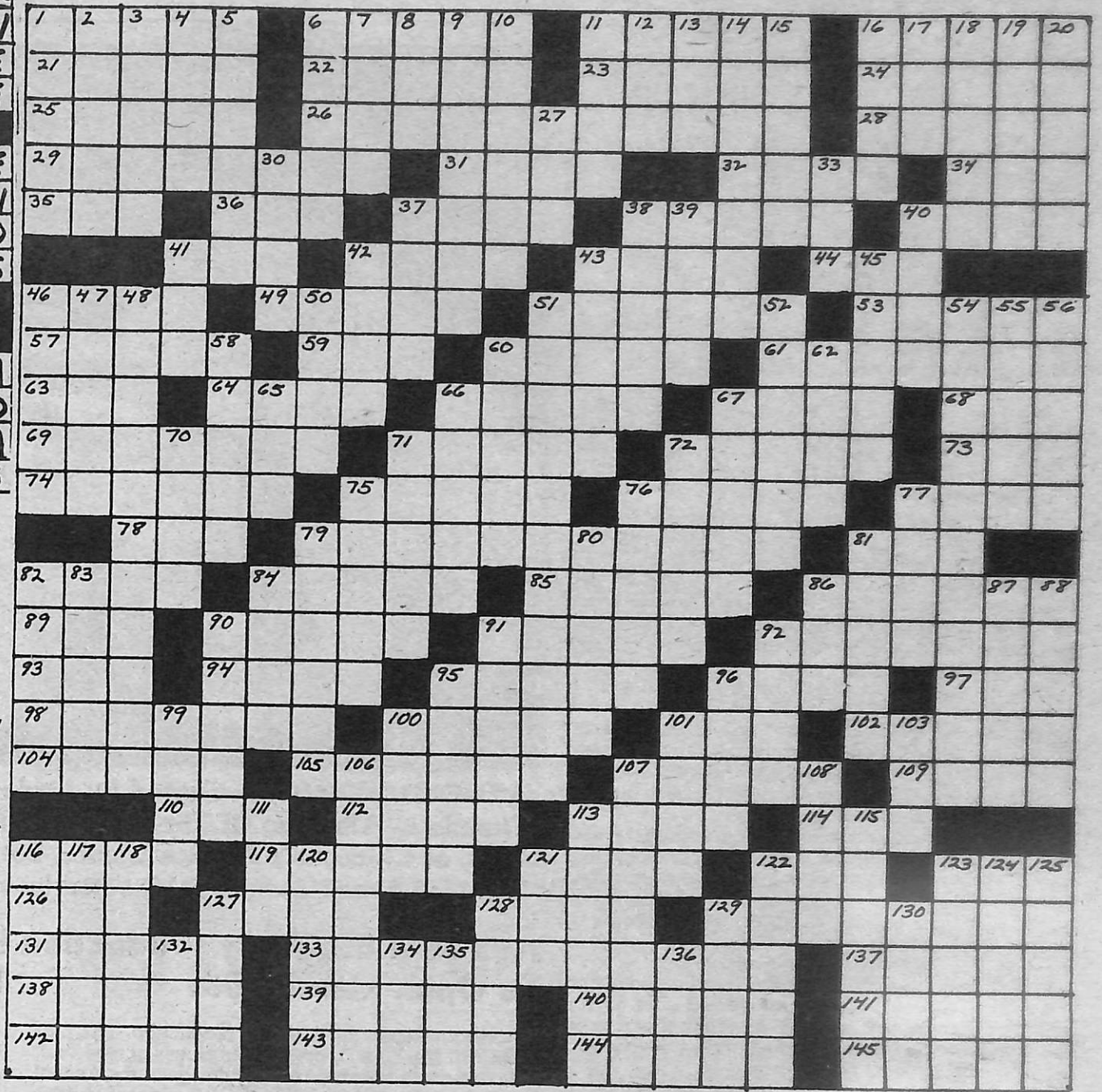
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- 11. "— and kicking"
- 16. Spindles
- 21. Pianist Frankie
- 22. Cut in two
- 23. Vampire
- 24. Mid-western crop
- 25. French friends
- 26. Golf course eagle
- 28. Eagles nest
- 29. Indy autos
- 31. Scruff
- 32. Benchley novel with The
- 34. Chemical suffix
- 35. R. follower
- 36. Alien sky-sight
- 37. "— and pieces"
- 38. What an etude is
- 40. Offspring
- 41. Meadowland
- 42. PGA golfer Jerry
- 43. Political group
- 44. Compass heading
- 46. "— in Japan"
- 49. Awaken
- 51. Has faith in another
- 53. Newsprint
- 57. "— Lucy"
- 59. Anger
- 60. Paper measures
- 61. "Pie — —"
- 63. French coin
- 64. Despicable
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- 67. Apartment
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- 69. Rental arrangements
- 71. Campus buildings
- 72. Lanterns
- 73. Abner's father
- 74. Musician Larry and family
- 75. Antitoxin
- 76. Chinese detective etal
- 77. Normandy town of WWII fame
- 78. Printing measures
- 79. Lucky numbers
- 81. French the
- 82. Assist
- 84. Sunday newspaper sections
- 85. Specks
- 86. Pick on: 2 wds
- 89. Type of soup or coat
- 90. Tennis star Gussie
- 91. Shawns
- 92. A — — (menu notation)
- 93. Hen output
- 94. Cafe favorites
- 95. Water —
- 96. Tree trunk
- 97. German one
- 98. Tells
- 100. Apportion
- 101. Heart
- 102. Pretenses
- 104. Comedian Martin
- 105. Doctors
- 107. Slumber
- 109. "— Fixe"
- 110. Compass heading
- 112. Sea eagle
- 113. Burn on the outside
- 114. Prior to CIA
- 116. Drinks slowly

- 119. Fine Holland china
- 121. Gab (slang)
- 122. 2,000 lbs.
- 123. Quant
- 126. A Gershwin
- 127. Volcanic overflow
- 128. "Crazy bird?"
- 129. Diners pleasure
- 131. Savory
- 133. Kickers specialty
- 137. New Hampshire city
- 138. Rose scent
- 139. Names for tyrants
- 140. Skulk
- 141. French shes
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- 143. Mine carts
- 144. Actor Richard and others
- 145. Luges

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- 1. Frighten
- 2. S.A. Indians
- 3. The Red and others
- 4. Robert —
- 5. Save from danger
- 6. Houston player
- 7. Cat cries
- 8. AB — (from the start)
- 9. Bring together again
- 10. Flamboyant
- 11. Sheltered side
- 12. House God
- 13. Little demon
- 14. Bridge
- 15. Like an otary
- 16. Trade
- 17. "— long and short of it"
- 18. Scarey
- 19. Pine tree state
- 20. Horse
- 27. Victims of war
- 30. At a distance
- 33. Orb
- 37. Low-born
- 38. Ghettos
- 39. Hurl
- 40. Fissure
- 41. Bulgarian coin
- 42. Unadulterated
- 43. Unbearable kids
- 45. Tiffs
- 46. "— Solemnis" -Beethoven
- 47. Audible
- 48. Two under on a par five
- 50. — of clove
- 51. Elite sports group
- 52. Cohoe or Chinook
- 54. Gamblers edge
- 55. Detroit flop
- 56. "— chemicals"
- 58. Tinkers to — to chance
- 60. Summer TV fare
- 62. Times around the track
- 65. "— been a long, long time"
- 66. Manners
- 67. Clotho and Atropos
- 70. Fasting period
- 71. English county
- 72. Adores
- 75. Caterpillar's hairs
- 76. Doles out
- 77. Italian evening
- 79. Maddest
- 80. Unshackled
- 81. Fine netting
- 82. Copy cats
- 83. Fathered in a biblical

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- sense
- 84. Actors plum
- 86. Actor Linden
- 87. "— — and a place for..."
- 88. Uptight
- 90. Partners
- 91. Declaim
- 92. Knowledge
- 95. Introit
- 96. South African
- 99. Salutations
- 100. Esne
- 101. Sect
- 103. Towel word
- 106. Reliever
- 107. "The —" S. King novel
- 108. Gambling kitty
- 111. Dutch commune
- 113. Opt for
- 115. Long putts that drop
- 116. Indian instrument
- 117. Angry
- 118. Food staple
- 120. Happening
- 121. Policeman (slang)
- 122. Chores
- 123. White poplar
- 124. Long haired
- 125. Hair lock
- 127. Harp
- 128. Young miss
- 129. "— the man"
- 130. Dingle
- 132. Small child
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While *Into the Night* is a mess of a movie, it is not completely worthless. In the part of Diana, Pfeiffer (*Scarface*) gives the film's best performance by adding zest and personality to her thankless role.

She's an impressive young actress who's come a long way since doing a dreadful job in the wretched sequel *Grease 2*, and her budding skills help her to come away unscathed from this disappointing endeavor by Landis, a director who has done and can do much better work.

Rating: 1 STAR (On a scale of 0-4 stars)

***PHILM CAPSULE:** *Turk 182*: ½ STAR - Timothy Hutton gives a disgraceful performance as he combats the re-election efforts of a corrupt and unjust mayor (Robert Culp) in this insipid comedy-drama by director Bob Clark (who obviously hasn't recovered from his last flop, *Rhinestone*).

The film has a couple of scenes that will make you cheer for Hutton's character, but the story is overly stupid and the entire cast's acting is consistently laughable.

***THE PHILM GUIDE FOR PARENTS:** *Into the Night* is rated R for some bloody violence, profanity, and brief nudity; *Turk 182* is rated PG-13 for strong language.

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The "Meriweds" of Agawam Congregational Church will present their 18th Annual Americana Showcase of Arts, Crafts, and Collectibles on Saturday, March 23rd.

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Agawam Historical Assn. To Meet In West Springfield

The Agawam Historical Association will be meeting at the Mittineague Methodist Church, 800 Amostown Road, West Springfield, on Tuesday, March 19th, at 7:30 p.m. as guests of the Ramapogue Historical Association.

A program of interest to all, entitled "Quilts," will be presented by Judy Grintz.

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Museum Sponsors Program On Care Of Historic Costumes

"How do I clean my great-grandmother's christening gown?" is an often-asked question. Anne Sullivan Waskom, costume designer and consultant, will offer insights into the care and restoration of historic costumes on Sunday, March 24th, from noon to 5:00 p.m., at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum.

A silk bonnet, a child's dress and a nineteenth century man's shirt are some of the projects Ms. Waskom will be working on. She will discuss and demonstrate the numerous steps involved in reproducing old clothes and drafting patterns.

For visitors interested in learning the various stitches once used in sewing, a book of stitch samples will be available as well as copies of nineteenth century sources such as an 1838 edition of the *Workwoman's Guide* and reprints of fashion plates.

As a historic costume consultant, Anne Sullivan Waskom has worked with a number of New England museums and their costume collections. She has helped organize, date, restore, and draft patterns for the Quincy Historical Society, Merrimack Valley Textile Museum, Old Sturbridge Village, the New York State Museum at Albany, New York, and the Longmeadow Historical Society.

She has researched and lectured on 19th century clothing and etiquette, and most recently, illustrated the book *Women's Clothing in America, 1795-1930*. Donations for the program are requested.

The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum is located at the corner of State and Chestnut streets in downtown Springfield, and is a member of the Springfield Library and Museums Association.

Agawam Hi-Lighters Club Plans Square Dance March 23rd

The Agawam Hi-Lighters Square Dance Club will hold a dance on Saturday, March 23rd, at Valley Community Church, South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills,

at 8:00 p.m.

Norm Allard will be the caller and Linn Case will cue the rounds.

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by Gary Kerr B.S., R. Ph.

Syrup Of Ipecac: What You Should Know National Poison Prevention Week by Gary Kerr Agawam Registered Pharmacist

Community pharmacists answer thousands of questions about medications all year long, but in March, many of these questions involve poisoning, both prevention and treatment. The third week in March each year is National Poison Prevention Week and the majority of questions come from young mothers. More often than not the proper use of syrup of ipecac enters the conversation.

What is ipecac?

Ipecac is a plant extract that, when swallowed, causes intense irritation of the stomach which in turn causes vomiting.

Why should I use ipecac?

Syrup of ipecac is a safe and effective means of producing vomiting so that a poison can be removed completely from the body. One should **NEVER** give salt or mustard to a child to induce vomiting.

Is ipecac harmful?

No. If ipecac is taken as directed by the Poison Control Center (1-800-682-9211) or a physician, it is not harmful, but it does cause vomiting. Vomiting removes the poison from the stomach.

How should I use it?

DO NOT use syrup of ipecac without calling the Poison Control Center (1-800-682-9211) or your doctor first!!! If you are instructed to give the victim syrup of ipecac, the dose is printed on the label of the container.

Are there any special instructions?

Yes. In children one year of age or older, it is recommended that one tablespoonful of ipecac be given by mouth. This should be followed by eight ounces of water or juice, not carbonated beverages! The child must be kept active and not allowed to lie down. Motion helps to cause vomiting.

If no results are seen in 15 to 20 minutes, give the victim another tablespoonful of ipecac and another glass of liquid.

How and where do I purchase syrup of ipecac?

Syrup of ipecac can be purchased at any pharmacy. Your pharmacist can sell you a one ounce bottle for about \$1.50 (tax included) without a prescription. It will keep for several years when stored at room temperature, under normal conditions.

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All About Neurothlipsia

Recently, it has become fashionable to call diseases by their proper medical term.

Maybe to some, it's a status symbol to have a problem with an exotic name. Unfortunately, it's sometimes misleading. In the case of neurothlipsia, it truly is a severe national health problem.

Well then what is neurothlipsia?

Series Of Questions

Let us answer that with a series of questions.

Are you nervous and irritable? Do you suffer from frequent headaches, dizziness? Do you find your thinking unclear, or experience pain in your neck, shoulders arms or back?

Do you often feel a tightness in your chest, or have pain between your shoulders when you take a deep breath? Do you suffer from a nervous stomach?

If you claim one or any number of these symptoms, there's a good chance you have neurothlipsia.

There's also a good chance you have a pinched nerve. Essentially, they're one and the same.

A pinched nerve, of course, is caused by vertebral misalignment. Your spinal nerves that transmit the work directives from the spinal cord are protected by vertebrae. Often falls, sprains, or faulty posture causes a misalignment of these vertebrae and a pinched nerve results.

To illustrate nerve function, consider an individual seated with one leg crossed over the other.

After sitting in that position for a time, he/she tries to stand up and suddenly realizes that one leg was "asleep."

If you've had this happen, you have experienced localized pressure or "pinching", which temporarily disrupted the normal nerve and blood supply to the affected leg.

Restoration Of Normal Functions

Of course, a person corrects a sleeping limb simply by allowing a short period of time for restoration of normal functions.

However, it's not so simple when an individual has a pinched nerve.

Using an arm, for example, early signs of the problem may be only slight numbness or tingling. But if left untreated, pain can develop in the arm and fingers and there can be weakness, muscle shrinkage, and finally, paralysis.

All in all, it's apparent that no matter how fancy the name of the ailment, it can become a painful and serious reminder that an individual needs proper, effective treatment and care.

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YOUR DENTAL HEALTH

By Dr. Stephen Jacapraro
DMD

All About Pulp

On listening to several newscasts recently where the newscaster related stories where people had been beaten to a pulp, I decided to write about this thing called the "pulp."

The pulp is a tiny bit of living tissue that fills the space inside of a tooth. It extends from the end of the root to nearly the top of the crown, and is in each root canal and single (and also in some of the married ones as well), pulp chamber.

There are three parts to the pulp besides this living tissue or protoplasm: an artery, which delivers oxygen; nutrition and other vital blood elements; a vein, which carries used blood and wastes away from the tooth; and a nerve, which communicates with the brain.

The most important function of the pulp is to supply nutrients to tooth buds forming in the children's jaws, so that the teeth can develop normally. A secondary function of nerve fibers in the tooth is to signal when something is wrong with the tooth or surrounding tissue.

Like all other parts of the body and mouth, the pulp can get infected by spreading decay. When this happens, the dentist performs root canal work or pulp therapy.

Modern dentistry is still learning about the different causes of illness of the pulp. Some dentists have observed that patients vary in their levels of tolerance to pulp disease (pulpitis).

There are three ways to treat problem pulps. One is by pulp capping, making certain all decay has been removed and no bacteria is believed left in the area. This is usually successful with children and teenagers.

Another is pulpotomy, removing the chamber part of the pulp and leaving the canal section intact. This is commonly used for teenagers and young adults.

The third is root canal treatment, removing all the pulp, and this is the treatment usually applied to older individuals.

Diabetic Support Group Meets At Providence Hospital

The Providence Hospital Diabetic Support Group, "You Are Not Alone," will meet on Thursday, March 21st, at 7:00 p.m., in the hospital conference room.

The program supports diabetics and is open to the public, free of charge, and does not require advanced registration.

Mrs. Strzempko also runs the monthly diabetic teaching classes each Friday night at the hospital and the monthly blood sugar tests, held on the second Thursday morning of each month.

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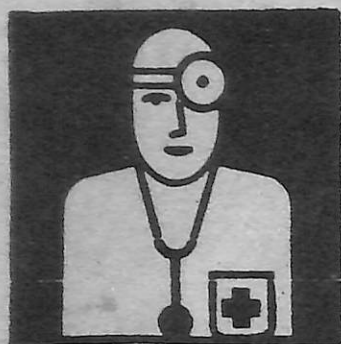
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D IABETES: WE'VE COME A LONG WAY.

Diabetes was once a seriously disabling conditions for the elderly and a major cause of early death in children and adults.

Today, it is still a serious disease which, if left unrecognized and untreated, can kill. Yet, medical advances have made diabetes largely a controllable disease. With proper care and some changes in daily habits, you-or anyone with diabetes-can live a normal life.

WHAT IS DIABETES?

Diabetes is a disease that disrupts the body's normal ability to use sugar and starches. It develops when there is a deficiency of the pancreas to produce or use insulin in the right amounts at the right times. Insulin is the hormone needed to make use of sugar and starches in the body. As a result, the blood is left with too much sugar, or glucose.

There are two types of diabetes: *Juvenile diabetes* affects children and young adults. It strikes suddenly, and its symptoms progress very quickly. *Adult onset diabetes* tends to be less dramatic than juvenile. It often strikes people who are over 40 and overweight, and it affects more women than men.

The most common symptoms of juvenile and adult diabetes include a need to urinate frequently, increased thirst and constant hunger.

If you have any of these symptoms or have a family history of diabetes, you can be tested for diabetes through simple urine and blood tests.

HOW TO TREAT IT

Diabetes *does* require constant monitoring and care, but it *doesn't* stop a person from living a long and healthy life. The way to keep diabetes under control is to:

- Learn about diabetes and the disease process.
- Watch the diet. Restrict fats, keep a good car-

bohydrate balance and eliminate concentrated sweets such as candy, cake, etc.

- Return to and maintain ideal weight.
 - Eat lots of high fiber foods.
 - Get enough exercise.
 - Eat meals on schedule.
 - Have regular checkups and blood sugar monitorings.
- Complications can arise if diabetes is not properly managed or if left untreated.

BLOOD SUGAR IS NOT ALWAYS SWEET

Sugar in a form called glucose is an essential element of our blood. It supplies our muscles with energy and is used in other bodily functions. But too much-or too little-blood sugar can be harmful.

We get sugar from the foods we eat. Unsweetened foods usually contain enough sugar to maintain the correct blood sugar level, so it's not necessary, and in some cases, it's actually dangerous, to eat too many foods with sugar added.

Blood sugar levels that are too high are a sign of diabetes. Blood sugar levels that are lower than normal produce a condition called *hypoglycemia*. Symptoms of hypoglycemia occur only a few hours after eating. These can include: sweating, palpitations, nausea, jitteriness, lightheadedness and very low energy.

Treating hypoglycemia involves dietary changes. Hypoglycemics should eat more proteins and fewer carbohydrates. Several small meals throughout the day are better than three large ones.

A caution: Hypoglycemia means "low blood sugar," nothing more, nothing less. The term is misunderstood and used by many people to describe a variety of illnesses and symptoms that may not be hypoglycemia at all. To diagnose hypoglycemia, a special glucose tolerance test is given.

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AHS Jazz Band W. Mass Champs (Again!)

Superb Performances Given By Host School

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

For an unprecedented third consecutive year, Agawam High School's jazz ensemble has won the prestigious Massachusetts Chapter of the National Association of Jazz Educators Western District Jazz Ensemble Competition.

It was the first time, however, that Agawam hosted the event which took place Thursday, March 7th, from 2:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the newly-renovated senior high auditorium.

Under the direction of instrumental music director Zachary Tileston, the 22-member group was declared winner of the event by a 42 point margin over second place runner-up Westfield High School.

The victory was especially sweet since Agawam and Westfield tied for first place honors last year.

Mr. Tileston points out that 10 schools participated in the competition with Agawam being one of six schools in Division I.

Judged in eleven categories, the local ensemble received 279 out of a possible 300 points.

The music director says three students received Outstanding Musicians Citations for their performances. Winners were Todd Connery, trumpet; Paul Joseph, trombone; and Ed Grimaldi, bass guitar.

Received Trophy And Plaque

As mementos of their victory, the group was presented with a trophy which they will retain for a year, as well as a plaque.

Mr. Tileston relates that he chose four big band era songs for the competition. Among these were two songs from the Woody Herman Library, "North Beach Breakdown" and "Blues For Poland," as well as Chuck Corea's "Spain."

A highlight of the performance was an original mixed composition by Tileston of two selections "Stardust" and "I've Got A Crush On You" by renowned composers Hoagy Carmichael and George Gershwin.

Judges for the seven-hour event included, Donald Bastarache, director of jazz students at Westfield State College; John Mariano, director of music for the Enfield School System; and Ted Casher, jazz director at Dean Junior College.

Mr. Tileston explains that the jazz ensemble has been preparing for the competition since January. Rehearsing evenings and early mornings before school, the group's dedication and determination have been extraordinary.

He credits the large point spread between first and second place, in part, to this determination, as well as the band's showmanship and the relaxed atmosphere of being in one's own school.

Mr. Tileston, who also served as district chairman and host, states that a great deal of preparation was required to make the event a success.

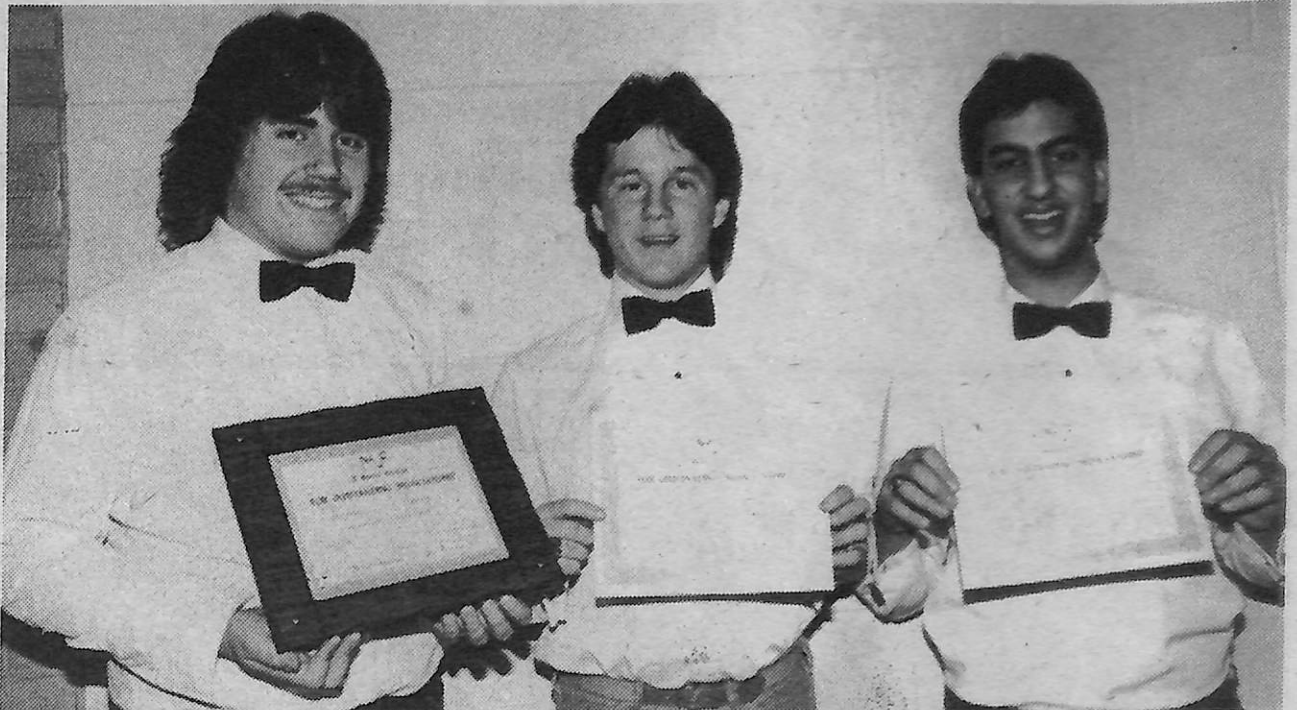
He gratefully acknowledges the assistance of the following persons and groups: Dorothy Eggleston, who printed the programs; vocal director Stephen Files and student Chris Hamel, who operated the sound system; junior high band director Scott Thomson, who served as stage manager; middle school band director Tammy Watson and parent Mary White, who served as tabulators; student Kathy Smith, who served as hostess; student Jody Pirnie, who served as time tabulator; M.A.J.E. vice president Art Gilmore, who served as master of ceremonies; and the Agawam Band Parents Association, who performed several invaluable services.

On To New Hampshire Competition

Tileston notes that Al Gilmore not only supervised his student teaching while at Hampshire Regional High School, but also inspired him to the jazz enthusiast that he is today.

Fresh from the thrill of victory, the jazz ensemble will next perform at the University of New Hampshire's annual Jazz Festival which will take place Saturday, March 23rd.

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AWARD WINNERS from last weekend's Massachusetts Chapter of the National Association of Jazz Educators Western District Jazz Ensemble Competition, are, from left - Eddie Grimaldi, bass guitar; Todd Connery, trumpet; and Paul Joseph, trombone. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



JOHN LOSITO, David Andry, Colleen Nofall, and Eddie Grimaldi prepare for their upcoming performance with the AHS jazz ensemble last weekend. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Debbie Labonte Designated Blue Ribbon Winner

Geraldine Ann Schilling-Nordal, Art Department head at Agawam High School, is pleased to announce that Debbie Labonte, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Labonte of 173 High Street, Agawam, has been designated a Blue Ribbon Winner in the junior-senior high judging in Boston. Miss Labonte's acrylic palette knife painting of a sad clown marionette, hanging over a workbench, received a golden key in the Boston Globe Scholastic Art Regional Competition.

The state Blue Ribbon winners of the Scholastic Art Exhibit, which has been on display at the Prudential Center in Boston, will be sent to New York for consideration for a national prize.

According to Dan Corrigan, director of the Artists Foundation, work submitted this year represents some of the strongest work he has seen in the Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards.

Judges for the statewide competition were Harry Brock, artist; Roselyn Frank, Department of Education; Reggie Jackson, photographer; Michael Morris, sculptor; and Rhoda Rosenberg, printmaker.

Peter Forastiere To Speak At Phelps P.T.O. Meeting

On Wednesday, March 20th, at 7:30 p.m., Phelps P.T.O. will hold its monthly meeting in the school cafeteria.

After a short business meeting, Peter A. Forastiere, funeral director for Colonial Funeral Home, 985 Main Street, Agawam, will present a program on how to explain death to children.

The program is designed for elementary school age children and helps parents and teachers in answering the many difficult questions asked by a child when confronted with death.

Forastiere will also show a film titled, "Talking About Death With Children." Following a discussion period, pamphlets will be available and refreshments will be served. A beautiful basket with homemade chocolates for Easter will also be raffled.

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Having received several outstanding placement citations in past years, the ensemble will repeat its award-winning performance at the upcoming festival.

"Everyone is still on cloud nine and looking forward to the next competition at the University of New Hampshire. We're very optimistic about its outcome," remarks Tileston.



AHS JAZZ ENSEMBLE officers, from left - Paul Joseph, vice-president, and Todd Connery, president, present jazz ensemble director Zachary Tileston with plaque, symbolic of the school's winning, for the third consecutive year, the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Association of Jazz Educators Western District Jazz Ensemble Competition. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Parents Advisory Council Has 5 Workshops

The Agawam Parents Advisory Council for Special Needs Children will be sponsoring a series of five workshops for parents and teachers of special needs children. "Coping Skills for Parents with Special Needs Children" and "The Development of the Special Needs Child" will be the topics of discussion.

Dr. Richard Whiting, psychologist with the Springfield College Counseling Center, will address each parent's individual concerns. He will suggest coping skills so the parent can hopefully deal more effectively with his child. Three sessions are scheduled with Dr. Whiting.

Terry Williams, psychologist with the Child Guidance Clinic, will discuss the emotional, intellectual and physical development of special needs children. Williams will chair two sessions.

These workshops are meant to make the difficult job of parenting a little easier. All workshops will be held in the Agawam Junior High School library (second floor) at 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

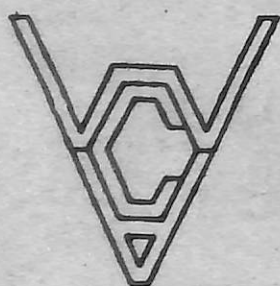
Schedule of sessions: Dr. Richard Whiting - March 18th, April 1st, and April 29th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Terry Williams - May 6th and May 13th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

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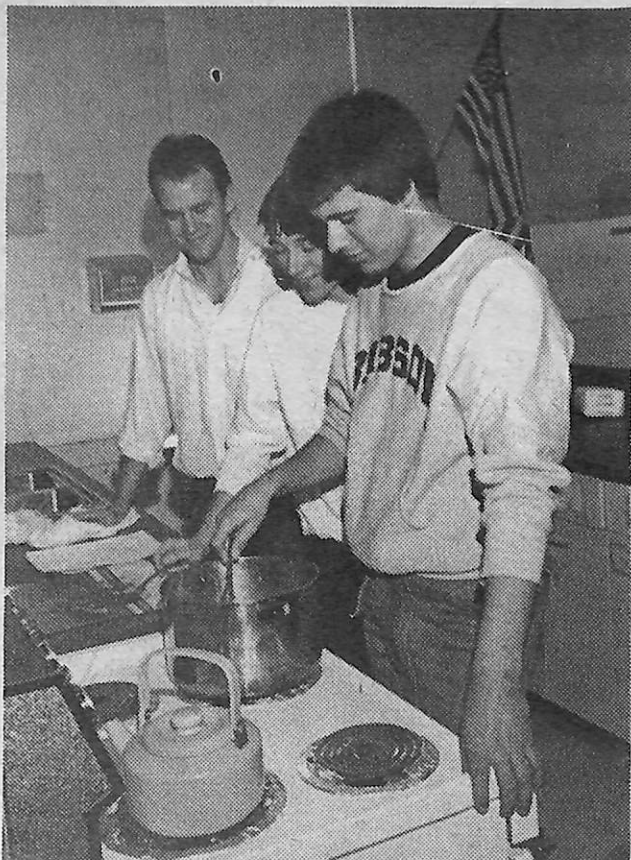


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Home Economics Grows In Popularity At Agawam High

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

In past years, home economics was regarded as merely cooking and sewing.

Today, however, the department offers students a wide variety of subjects, including social psychology, interior design, child development, and nursery school.

Department head Anne Eckart oversees an eight-member staff which instructs co-ed classes at the middle, junior, and senior high schools.

*Mrs. Eckart, who is planning to retire next October, is assisted at the senior high by teachers Elizabeth Prew and Karen Myers. Together, the three-woman team tries to teach skills in all three schools which students will be able to utilize throughout their lives.

Mrs. Eckart teaches child development, nursery school workshop, and clothing courses. She points out that students in all three schools receive instruction on Viking sewing machines. According to her, utilizing the same brand of equipment helps students improve their techniques.

Free to choose their own patterns, senior high students are required to complete one wearable garment for each marking period of study.

She reports that although most clothing students enjoy sewing, the majority are interested in the retail aspect of the garment business.

As a highlight of the clothing and tailoring courses, students travel to Boston where they view a professional trade show.

The 10-year department head relates that as a prerequisite for child development classes, students must complete a nursery school workshop course.

She explains that to date, students have visited five area nursery schools where they have observed preschoolers in various situations. These observations are noted on fact sheets which are later compared and discussed during class.

Besides local schools, students are scheduled to visit the Willie Ross School for the Deaf, a Montessori School, and the experimental school at the University of Massachusetts.

As a result of knowledge acquired from this course, many students become interested in child development. Moreover, Mrs. Eckart reports that 25 percent of last year's child development class majored in that field while at college.

"We feel this high percentage rate is a good standard by which to judge the course's worth. Many of our students state that they hope to someday open their own nursery schools," she remarks.

Many Males Participate In Food Classes

Thirteen-year teacher Elizabeth Prew instructs meal planning, nutrition, social psychology, and interior design courses.

She explains that there are four kitchen work areas in each of the two cooking labs. Students work in groups of four and utilize both gas and electric ranges as well as a variety of kitchen appliances. Some of these include micro-wave ovens, heavy-duty mixers and blenders.

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AGAWAM HIGH HOME ECONOMICS STUDENTS, from left - Kelly Fedora, Lisa McLean, Kim Williams, and Kara Kaczmarczyk are preparing some type of concoction, but photographer Jack Devine wasn't sure quite what. Anyway, the girls were thoroughly enjoying themselves. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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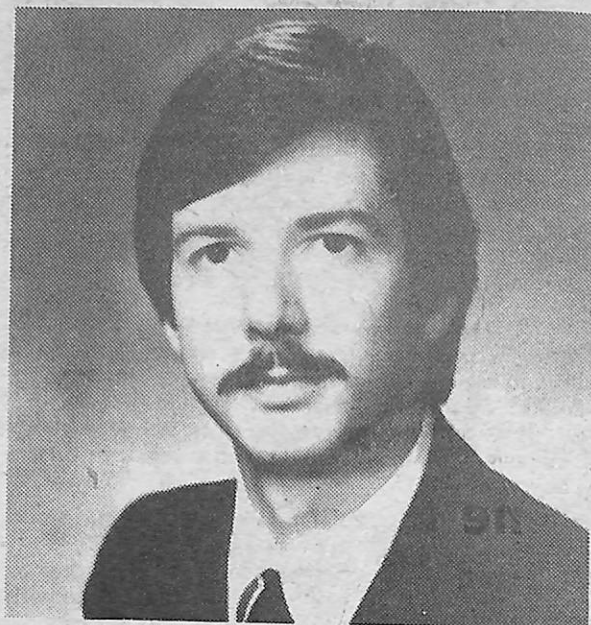
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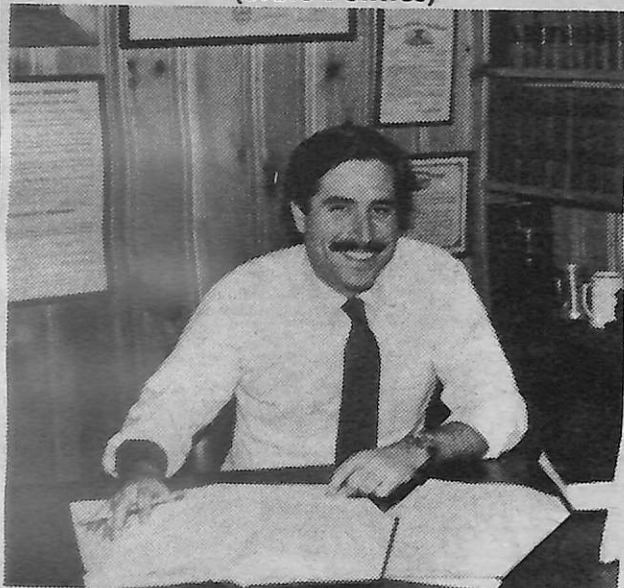
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HOME ECONOMICS - From Page 24...

Mrs. Prew says food classes have the largest male participation rate of all the home economics courses offered.

According to her, most boys enter cooking classes thinking solely of their stomachs but leave with a wealth of knowledge which will hopefully help them to become better husbands and fathers.

As a feature of food courses, pupils visit several local restaurants where they witness large-scale food preparations.

Mrs. Prew notes that today more students are thinking about careers in the food industry. She states that two former students, Rich Gloucester and Jerry Miller, graduates of the Culinary Institute, are currently employed as head chefs in area restaurants.

She states that since the social system has changed so drastically, changes in family lifestyles have left students ignorant of many basic social graces.

Students not only learn the fundamentals of food preparation, but also are instructed in proper table manners and conversation.

The veteran teacher notes that this lack of family training is also evident in her social psychology classes.

"We try to present students with logical and factual material concerning their bodies, marriage, divorce, and forms of abuse," she comments.

Besides visiting divorce court sessions, students are addressed by several guest speakers who deal directly with juvenile offenders and court proceedings.

New Courses Instituted

Since 1978, Karen Myers has been instructing students in meal planning, food science, and foreign, regional and gourmet foods.

She points out that during the past ten years, new courses have been instituted while the scope of others have been changed.

Mrs. Myers reports that students learn to plan and cook meals utilizing all four food groups.

As the culmination of their course, each group of four students is allowed to invite a teacher to dine with them as their guest. Besides the actual food preparation, students must compose formal invitations to their guests and arrange proper table settings.

Mrs. Myers says interior design students have replaced over 75 worn or damaged seat cushions in the senior high auditorium.

The industrious group, which has also sewn replacement seat and back cushions for school chairs, has visited several local furniture stores where they have met and talked to professionals in the field.

A graduate of the University of Wisconsin at Stout, and Johnson and Wales in Rhode Island, Mrs. Myers completed several gourmet courses this past summer in Paris, France.

Mrs. Prew, a graduate of both UMass and the University of Connecticut, happily relates that this year more boys are enrolled in her social psychology classes than in previous years.

Mrs. Eckart, a graduate of UMass, is hopeful that this trend will continue and more boys will enroll in other home economics classes other than foods.

Mrs. Eckart states that she is very grateful for all the cooperation she has received throughout the years from Superintendent James Bruno and Business Manager James Coon.

"By helping our department achieve some of its goals, students have been offered an improved curriculum and my job has been made that much nicer," she declares.

Mrs. Eckart is hopeful this cooperation will continue to flourish after her retirement.

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KATHERINE BURNS, a volunteer business professional from Bay State Gas (second from left), goes over some material with Agawam Junior High students Bill Moccio, Chris Shoenborn, and Brent Sanborn. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Junior Achievement At Junior High

Katherine Burns, a volunteer business professional from Bay State Gas Company, becomes a teacher for one class period each week, introducing Gail Dion's eighth grade social studies class at Agawam Junior High School to the basic principles of economics.

Ms. Burns speaks with expertise from her experiences at Bay State Gas Company and gives students the "low down" on practical economics and "how business really works."

Project Business is the junior high school program under the economic education umbrella of Junior Achievement. The course is a "hands-on" approach to learning about economic and business concepts.

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BAY STATE GAS' KATHERINE BURNS with corresponding junior high teacher Gail Dion. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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"Match Wits" Team Already Preparing For 1985-86 Season

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

Since the late 1960's, Agawam High School has competed in Channel 22 television's highly-acclaimed quiz show "As Schools Match Wits."

Hosted by Phil Shepardson, the program features approximately 40 area secondary schools competing against one another by answering questions, which encompass a wide variety of academic subjects.

Teams winning three games in a row advance to semi-final status. Semi-finalists must then win another three matches to be declared champion.

AHS eleven-year advisor Lawrence O'Brien points out that membership in the extra-curricular group is open to all students. Through trivia contests, four regular and two alternate members are chosen to represent the school.

This year's team is composed of seniors Ron Maniscalco, (captain), Michael Briggs, Gina Letellier, Jennifer Powell, and Jennifer Trehey (alternate). The junior alternate is Curtis Wu.

Meeting twice a week since last September, the group has worked together since tenth grade.

Ron explains that the group's televised performance was taped December 4th, two months prior to its February 2nd airing.

He relates that in preparation for competition, each member of the group researched a specific topic during the summer and composed a list of trivia questions from the information gathered.

The six-member group also videotaped several past televised shows and transcribed questions and answers from these for mock panel competition.

Ron states that questions and categories remain basically the same throughout the years. Areas covered include general knowledge, art, music, history, literature, science, geography, sports, government, theater, films, and poetry.

Although unvictorious this year against opponent Chicopee High School, the group felt the experience was still worthwhile and a lot of fun.

"I felt more apprehensive than nervous about appearing on television," states Gina.

Having participated on last year's team, Ron says that it was a lot easier appearing on television for the second time.

"Although we didn't win, I think everyone enjoyed the competition and teamwork involved," he remarks.

The team captain believes that the difficult and easy questions usually balance out. He feels his team's defeat was due to several capitalizations by the opposition.

All members readily agreed that they would enjoy participating on similar competitive teams in college.

O'Brien says that team members for the 1985-86 school year are already diligently preparing for next year's competition.

Comprised of sophomores with the exception of junior captain Curtis Wu, the group has been meeting regularly once a week and has served as the opponent team in mock competition for the out-going group.

Besides Curtis, other team members include Cindy Rosner, Jennifer Souders, Thomas Briggs, Jim Puhala, Mark Lepper, and John Smidt.

Strategy is one area the group will reevaluate in preparation for next year's competition.

"This year's team went for the harder questions first and we're not so sure that was the best plan of attack," states Cindy.

Finding the team's best categories is another important factor in their preparation.

All Schools Seem About Equal

"Once we discover our strongest areas, we'll build our strategy utilizing them. Right now, I'd say we're strongest in literature, geography, and history," relates Tom.

The hopeful group says that they are not concerned about who their opponent will be next year since all the schools participating seem about equal.

Their biggest concerns, however, are going blank, not listening carefully, or blurting out the wrong answer.

The team advisor reports that statistically, Agawam has always done well in competition, winning the show championship twice in 1969 and again in 1981.

Ideally, he would like the program's format to revert back to more academic areas of knowledge.

"During the past 10 years, questions have become more difficult. I feel it's too much to expect students to know about theater and film directors and productions," remarks O'Brien.

As true with past teams, new members hope to participate in academic competition while attending college.

O'Brien notes that Chuck Hastings and Timothy Ryan, two members of the 1982 team, are currently competing at their respective colleges.

As for now, O'Brien says that he is looking forward to next year and he believes that his in-coming team is one of the best groups in recent years.



MEMBERS OF THE 1984-85 "As Schools Match Wits" team from Agawam High who appeared on TV-22 on February 2nd, include, from left - captain Ron Maniscalco, Jennifer Trehey, Jennifer Powell, Gina Lettelier, and Michael Briggs. Absent - Curtis Wu. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



HOPEFUL TEAM MEMBERS for the 1985-86 school year are, from left - Mark Lepper, John Smidt, Cindy Rosner, Jennafer Souders, and Thomas Briggs. Absent is captain Curtis Wu and alternate Jim Puhala. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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ACADEMY OF ARTISTIC PERFORMANCE state winners, are, back row, from left - Gale Greany, Denise Douglas, and Rene LaMothe. Front row - Kristen LaBelle, Tammy Washburn, and Allison Rock. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Schools' Lunch Menu

Monday, March 18th: Cold cut sandwich in roll with cheese, pickle chips, tossed garden salad with dressing, chilled peaches in syrup, milk.

Tuesday, March 19th: Hamburg in roll, mustard, relish, ketchup, steamed rice, buttered peas and carrots, chilled pears in syrup, milk.

Wednesday, March 20th: Spaghetti with meat sauce, buttered Italian bread, creamy cole slaw, white cake with fresh blueberry topping, milk.

Thursday, March 21st: Baked chicken nuggets, mayonnaise or honey dip, buttered mixed vegetables, applesauce, peanut butter cookies, milk.

Friday, March 22nd: Vegetable soup, grilled cheese sandwich, 1/2 peanut butter sandwich, carrot sticks, jello with whip topping, milk.

Amphibians Of Spring Program At Laughing Brook

"Amphibians of Spring" will be a special program for families offered by Massachusetts Audubon's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden, to be held on Friday evening, March 22nd, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Reservations are required by Tuesday, March 19th.

"Amphibians of Spring" will introduce participants to the springtime spectacle that takes place in swamps and ponds.

Each spring, frogs, toads, and salamanders return to swamps and ponds to mate and lay their eggs, offering participants a chance to observe these common, but often unnoticed, creatures.

Following an indoor introduction with slides and tapes, participants will head out to witness this springtime spectacle in Laughing Brook's swamp. Put on boots, bring a flashlight, and get ready for a different kind of Friday evening.

The leader for "Amphibians of Spring" will be Scott Jackson, native of the Connecticut Valley and an avid herpetologist.

"Amphibians of Spring" is open to the public. Space is limited. For more information and fees, contact Laughing Brook at 413-566-8034.

Check Our Classifieds

Academy Dancers Win State Honors

The Academy of Artistic Performance on Springfield Street, Agawam, under the direction of Nancy DeCosmo Locke and Debbie Calabrese McManus, was recently honored by having six of its members named to the Massachusetts Juvenile State Champions in Billerica, in the eastern portion of the state.

The girls competed and won in dance/twirl competition in the juvenile novice division.

They performed a two-three minute routine to the song "Think of Me."

Dancers from the Academy of Artistic Performance are regionally known for their expertise and many fine routines, performed at a variety of events and special competitions.

Screenings Scheduled For Kindergarten

The Agawam Public Schools will be conducting registration and screening of children entering kindergarten in September 1985. Children who will be five (5) years of age prior to October 1st, 1985, are eligible for enrollment in kindergarten in September 1985.

Chapter 766, the Massachusetts Special Education Law, requires that each school district provide services for identifying children with special needs. Screening is not a test nor in-depth evaluation, but an observation of how a child is growing in different areas of development.

A screening team will be observing growth in vision, hearing, physical development, language, speech, thinking and behavior. This process will be completed at the time of kindergarten registration.

Two special "Parent Information" nights will be held - Tuesday, March 19th, at James Clark School, and Wednesday, March 20th, at Robinson Park School. Both meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The purpose of these meetings is to explain the screening procedure.

All parents are encouraged to attend these meetings and bring their questions with them. Parents who have not already contacted their neighborhood school should do so immediately. Children will be screened by appointment only.

Screening dates are as follows: **Granger - April 2nd, 3rd, 4th; Phelps - April 8th; James Clark - April 9th, 10th; Robinson Park - April 11th, 12th.**

Should you have any questions, please contact the principal in the nearest elementary school, or phone Marjorie Campanella at 786-0838.

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FAMILY NATURALIST

By Kay Kudlinski

Of Cabbages, Pulpits And Errant Actress-Types

Green, the color of Spring, is the color our eyes see best. Because it falls right in the middle of the visible spectrum, we can see more subtle shadings and tonings of green than any other color. Not so the insects; they see better toward reds and infra-reds (which we can't see at all).

Pollination Of Flowers

Flowers that rely on insects for pollination are mostly bright-colored, often with breathtaking infra-red patterns we can see only with a special camera.

Plants whose flowers are pollinated by the wind aren't usually colorful.

Grasses and birch trees, for instance, have green flowers. Insects often miss them.

Skunk cabbages are one green flower that insects have no trouble finding: it lures them with a stench — one of the distinctive smells of spring in the swamps.

The skunk cabbage's flower appears first, a mottled hood enveloping the "spathe" or business end of the flower. Soon, tightly rolled leaves shoot out of the mud around the flower, and then unroll to astonishing size in just a week or so. The leaves may be three feet long, and it is they who smell so dreadful when crushed.

The stinky skunk cabbage is the black sheep of its family, the Arums. Other family members have a better reputation. Its cousin is the Jack-in-the-pulpit. Like the skunk cabbage, it has its flowers on a spathe tucked safely within a green "pulpit."

It, too, grows with astonishing speed in the spring woods. Jack-in-the-pulpits are so mildly scented that they offend no one, and manage to attract insects with understatement.

If the skunk cabbage is the family member no one talks about, and Jack has a respectable job ministering to the woodland folks from his pulpit, the calla lily must be the Allum that left for a life in the theater.

Flashes Gold With Creamy White Whorl

If she weren't so successful, she probably would never be mentioned in family circles.

She is clearly an Alum, though her spathe flashes gold within a creamy white whorl most people assume is a petal.

Few would mistake it for a humble pulpit, and no one identifies her showy flower as the skunk cabbage who "made good."

If you have a question about nature that has you stumped or just curious, drop me a line at *The Agawam Advertiser News*. I'll explore the topic in a future Naturalist column.

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AHS Celebrates Language Week With Skits



IN OBSERVANCE of National Foreign Language Week, Agawam High language students, from left - Pam Beele, Kim Corriveau, Abby Sheehan, Mona LeClair, Lisa Caron, Mrs. Bruce Hanrahan (teacher) and Ed Korza, perform skits for fellow classmates. A poetry contest culminated the week-long activities with winners receiving a \$10 gift certificate to Strawberries Record store. Winners were: Tony Cardaropoli, Laurie Brunelle, and Lisa Kozel. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Bay Path To Offer New Program Of Study

Starting this September, Bay Path Junior College will offer a new academic program of study, Arts Management Assistant, leading to the associate in Science degree.

This new program, believed to be one of only a few such educational offerings in the area, and the only program of its kind available at a two-year college, is designed for women interested in the administrative function of art and entertainment organizations.

"It is an ideal program for the student with an interest in the fine or performing arts who realizes the difficulty of obtaining an entry-level position despite her artistic talents or aspirations," said Dr. Margaret Q. Diemann, Bay Path's academic dean.

"Equally, the program will have special appeal to the business-minded student who recognizes the growth opportunities in the large number of arts and entertainment organizations in cities and towns throughout the country."

Employment opportunities exist, she added, with community and professional theatres, symphony orchestras, museums, art galleries, public radio and television, city and state arts councils, civic centers, historical preservation societies, and booking agencies.

Students may emphasize theatre, music, art, or a combination of all three, through Bay Path's various courses in

drawing, painting, music appreciation, applied music, acting, and history and appreciation of the theatre the American musical and art history.

In addition, each student will study box office management, theatre house management, general arts management, and a core of liberal arts courses. Management skills will be gained through courses in typing, word processing, business communication, and organization and management, with elective courses available in data processing, marketing, accounting, salesmanship, and graphics and design, among others.

During the second year, each student will serve an internship at a local arts or entertainment organization, providing opportunity to gain further professional competence.

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Sports

AAA Girls Keep Record Unbeaten In Tournament

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Agawam Athletic Association sponsored 7th-8th grade suburban girls' basketball team, outscored Kennedy Junior High of Enfield, 19-7 in the second half, to earn an exciting, 29-24 victory in the quarter-final round of the Chicopee Invitational Basketball Tournament on Tuesday, March 12th.

In the qualifying round, the game belonged to the AAA in a onesided, 36-12 triumph over New North Rocketts of Springfield on Saturday, March 10th.

The AAA, coached by Bob Hersey and Mike Martin, were scheduled to face the winner of the Chicopee-Bloomfield (Connecticut) game on Wednesday, March 13th in the semi-finals (at presstime).

The locals, who finished a brilliant 16-0 in league play and 20-0 overall, have now won 22 straight. Against Kennedy, they found themselves in the very unusual position of being behind for the first time this year.

"We finally met a real high quality ballclub. They had some excellent players and our girls were nervous early-on," said Hersey. "But once the game progressed and the girls settled into their regular pattern of play, they took control."

The locals fell behind, 8-5 in the first quarter and trailed by 17-10 at the intermission. Despite some better play, Kennedy still maintained a 22-18 lead after the third quarter had elapsed.

The AAA were supplied in the second half, especially the fourth quarter, with offensive surges from Lori Desimone, Traci Trudel, and Amy Fetherston.

A full court, man-to-man press, sparked by guards Karen Patterson, Cathy Scaggs, Jennifer Scaggs, and Missy Brown, limited Kennedy to just two hoops in the third quarter and two free throws in the fourth.

Agawam took the lead with three minutes left and maintained it until the final buzzer.

"The thing that Mike and I were pleased with was that the girls never gave up. It was just a matter of time before they realized they could beat Kennedy," said Hersey.

Top defensive efforts from Donna Grasso, Alana Graham, Tricia Rea, and Missy DesRosiers keyed the locals' thrashing of the New North Rocketts in the first round.

So heavy was Agawam's defensive pressure, New North was held scoreless for the entire second and third quarters.

Baskets from Patterson, Trudel, and Desimone complimented the defense.

Huge Turnout For AHS Swim Banquet

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

A turnout of 150 people enjoyed a fine evening at the Springfield Turnverein on Garden Street, to honor the Agawam High boys' and girls' swim teams on Monday, March 11th.

Thanks largely in part of the efforts of swim parent Carol Allen, it was one of the largest gatherings the swim program has ever had at a year-end banquet.

Among those in attendance were AHS Athletic Director Clif Kibbe, AHS principal John Morrissey, and guidance counselor Paul Cavallo, who serves as the team's announcer and statistician.

Thirteen-year boys' coach Dave Smith sang praises for his team, which finished 7-7 for the regular season and placed 11th at the Western Mass. Championships.

All swimmers eligible received a letter or certificate for their hardwork during the season. There were other awards presented by Smith to two of his swimmers.

Senior Fred Depka, who was selected to the All-Western Mass. team as a diver, received the "Most Valuable Senior Award" for his contributions to the team and continued improvement.

During the regular season, Depka broke his own personal best record by topping the 200-point plateau. He also finished fourth at the Western Mass. Championships.

Depka also equaled last season's performance at the Massachusetts State Swimming & Diving Championships by finishing 10th.

It was also noted by Smith that Depka will receive a Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) award for his finish at the state championships.

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Brownie Girls Hoop Holds Annual Banquet



THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL varsity and junior varsity girls' basketball teams held their annual year-end banquet on Thursday, March 7th. Varsity team members are, back row, from left - Coach Cindy Grieve, Leah Negrucci, Cari Szabla, Cathy Landry, Trish Landry, and assistant coach Leslie Plante. Front row - Kelli Trudel, Lisa Caron, Cari Brown, Gina Serra, Joelle Dion, and Judy Pacewicz. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



JUNIOR VARSITY MEMBERS of the Agawam High girls' basketball program, recognized at the Thursday, March 7th banquet, were, back row, from left - Ellen Conlin, Carolyn Jochim, and Coach Leslie Plante. Front row - Lisa Caron, Judy Pacewicz, Becky Runshaw, and Kelley Erkskine. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

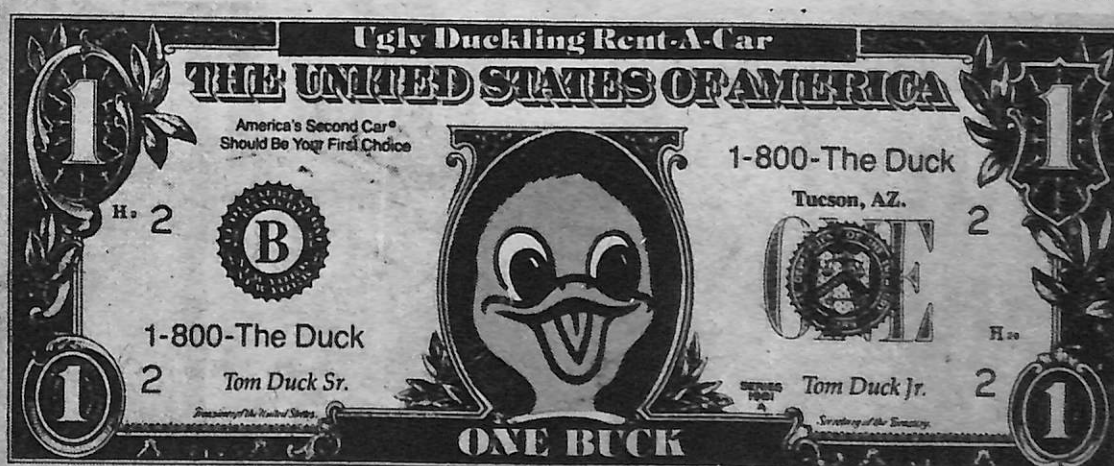
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St. Louis Starting Fast In Round Two Of Tri-Parish Bowling

After two weeks of rolling in Round Three of the Tri-Parish Bowling League, Round Two winner St. Louis has started out of the gate very fast with 7 wins, good for first place. Trailing them are a bevy of teams with 6 wins, including Boston College, Loyola, Fordham, and St. Michael.

St. Lou rolled all over St. Mary (10th place-2 wins), three wins to none. Winners for St. Lou were JOHN MLINEK (280) and RENEE JURY (318). Although St. Mary captain FRED MORASSI (318) defeated St. Lou captain DEBBIE POIRIER (307), it appears that St. Lou are ready to continue their hot ways in the league. Also winning for St. Mary's was newcomer AUDREY PHILLIPS (287).

Boston College had held first place a week ago but a two-two split with Notre Dame (8th place-2 wins) put them in second this week. Winning for ND was only JOE RESCIGNO (293), but it was a huge one over wrist-ailing DORIS KRZYKOWSKI (221), and captain BILLY COLSON had a fine 338, but lost in his match to a fully-recovered BOBBY MOCCIO. Bobby launched a season-high 409 and was a ball-on-fire. Other BC winners included MIKE O'CONNELL JR., (297) and PAUL DEZIELLE (289).

Moccio, without a doubt, is the premier roller in the league for 1984-85.

Loyola (third place) took three wins from last place Catholic University (1 win). Winning for Loyola were DANA MARQUIS (268), SHARON WRIGHT (329-wow), and substitute captain STEVE ROVITHIS (358). Steve filled in admirably for EDDIE ANDERSON. Distraught CU captain JIM SNYDER did have a fine night with a 342, but still lost the match! Also firing well for the losers was RAY BARBIERI (329).

Fordham (4th place) took three wins from stumbling, bumbling, and fumbling Villanova (11th place-2 wins). Villanova, you may recall, won the first round to everyone's chagrin. Winning big for Fordham was KATHY CARVILL (294) over KEITH RESCIGNO (228), which proved to be the key. The other Fordham winner was STEVE DEVANEY (306).

Rolling well for Villanova, who in all fairness did look much better this week, were RON HAMEL (320), ERNIE BLAIR (304), and captain FRANK "The Lordly Barber" RESCIGNO (314). Frankie tied Fordham captain ANN O'CONNELL (314), leaving the laurels to jewelry expert Hamel.

St. Michael (5th place) grabbed three wins from St. Anselm (6th place-4 wins). Winning for St. Michael were PAULINE DEPALO (277) and STEP STEPANIAN (314). A St. A's winner was birthday girl VENETTA SNYDER (275). She celebrated her big day with cake, candles, etc., right on the alley. Also saving St. A's from being swept was captain VI MASSOIA (324), in defeating MIKE O'CONNELL (297).

Georgetown (7th place-4 wins) had it over Holy Cross (9th place-2 wins), three wins to one. G-Town winners included TONY DEPALO (277) and SANDY PRZESZLO (302). The lone HC winner was captain JOHN "The Braggard" CHEKOVSKY (342). John outgunned proud G-Town captain, AL "The Fearsome One" MOCCIO (325). "Miss Consistent," MAYBETH COUGHLIN, also rolled well for HC with a 297. Maybeth always seems to be right in there, despite the sagging times for her team. PAULIENE BARBIERI being on sick list hurt HC, too.

Lynn Mogan Completes Good Year With WNEC Hoop

Lynn Mogan, of Feeding Hills, recently completed the 1984-85 season as a member of the Western New England College varsity women's basketball team. WNEC was a finalist in last month's NAIA District 5 Playoffs.

Mogan played the guard position for the Golden Bears. She finished the season with an average of 7.8 points and was the team leader in steals with 85, and free throw accuracy, hitting on 62% of her attempts.

Under head coach Barbara Hanofee, WNEC finished with a 20-8 record, the best in the college's history. Included were playoff wins over Roger Williams and Franklin Pierce. The squad bowed to Southern Maine, 104-89 in the District 5 championship game.

A senior, Mogan is majoring in mathematics at the college. She is the daughter of Donald and Carolyn Mogan of 21 Carmel Lane, Feeding Hills.

AAA Basketball Standings

13-15 Boys

Aldrich Insurance	9	1
Collins Construction	9	1
Agawam Police	6	4
Polish Club	4	6
Agawam Lions	2	8
Lunden Construction	0	10



Sportsman's Corner

By Bill Chiba

Mawaga's 40th Year

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Mawaga Sporting Club, Inc. The 40th will be celebrated by a lavish banquet at the clubhouse on April 13th. The social hour will be from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., and the dinner will begin at 7:00 p.m. The price is \$10. Tickets are available at Frank's Chevron on Main Street, Agawam.

Jim Stefanik and Mike Paine are co-chairmen of the Mawaga's fishing derby this year. The derby will be held April 14th, and will commence at 9:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served from 7:00 to 10:00 a.m.

The club promises to be very active this year under the tutorship of Bernie Paine. The proposed events include a chicken barbeque in June; participation in the 4th of July parade in honor of the 40th year; a steak roast in August, and a "Ladies Night" in October.

Gino Grimaldi, Wayne Grimaldi and Dan Faust of Agawam, recently returned from a bass fishing trip to Lake Okeechobee, Florida. They hired the expertise of Ron Fox, top guide of Slims Fishing Camp. It paid off for Dan. He landed two, 8 1/2 pound large mouth bass and a 10 pound mud fish. Slim's Camp is located in Bell Glade, Florida. If you are interested in obtaining more information, you can contact Dan Faust at 22 South Florida Drive, Agawam.

Stocking Trucks On The Move

Stocking trucks are beginning to roll in eastern and central parts of the state, carrying some of the 696,500 trout slated for release this spring. Actual distribution sites for the trout, which are raised in four of the state's hatcheries, are listed in the 1985 spring stocking list,

now available from the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife.

Waters selected are chosen from the Commonwealth's 500 lakes and ponds, and 4,000 miles of streams and rivers, on the basis of suitability for trout and accessibility to anglers.

Reports from the districts indicate that crews from the northeast have begun to move the 156,500 trout allocated to them, and that crews from the southeast have done the same with the 131,000 slated for distribution in their region.

Central District reports that stocking in that district began around the first of March and that they are moving forward with the distribution of 143,000 trout.

Reports from the Connecticut Valley and the Western District indicate that stocking operations there will not begin until snow and ice conditions permit. The valley reports that 112,000 trout will be released in its region, while 140,400 trout will be released in western waters.

The parking space across from the ramp at Little Alun is available to fishermen this year. The Division of Fisheries and Game is in the process of obtaining the property. Don't forget you fish hogs: the limit on trout is only **three fish per day until April 13th**, then the limit goes to six fish on most streams and lakes in the district.

Tiger Muskie Record Broken Twice

The first record breaker was taken on January 19th by Shaun Rosier, 13, who was fishing with his dad. The Pittsfield youth's fish weighed 12 pounds, 8 ounces, and was just under 37 inches long.

Shaun and his dad have caught over 70 tiger muskies since the muskie stocking program was instituted in 1980, but this is the first that met the 10-pound minimum weight required to earn a sport-fishing award.

The second and current record tiger muskie was caught by Frank W. Smith, 23, also of Pittsfield. Frank's fish weighed 14 pounds, 3 ounces, 38 1/2 inches in length, and a 16 1/2 inch girth.

Both record breakers were taken out of the same body of water - Pontoosuc Lake in Pittsfield.

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GIRLS FROM THE AGAWAM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION'S 8-10 basketball league gathered for a pizza party following the end of the championship playoffs on Saturday, March 9th, at the Agawam Lions Den in West Springfield. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



REPRESENTING THE VARIOUS TEAMS in the AAA's girls' 8-10 hoop league at the Lions Den are, back row, from left - Ann Lacienski, Yvette Turgeon, Gina Verginani, Brie Cosgrove, and Sharon Phaneuf. Front row - Amy Marcotte, Beth Lacienski, and Jennifer Lomelino. The girls enjoyed a pizza party, soda, and Voortman Cookies at the season-ending affair. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Bob Clark's Girls Win AAA 8-10 Basketball

On Saturday, March 9th, the Agawam Athletic Association championship game was held between the girls on Tom Phaneuf's and Bob Clark's teams.

A very effective defense was executed by Phaneuf's team and the score was 8-8 at the half.

The third quarter found the score 15-11 in favor of Clark's team, with the excitement of the spectators at its peak.

The fourth quarter proved the deciding factor as Clark's team broke Phaneuf's defense en route to a 25-14 victory.

Clark's scoring was done by Krysten Godfrey, Joy Clark, Tracy Pevner, Jennifer Lomelino and Vicki Lauro. On defense, Yvette Turgeon, Holly Carter, Sheri Bednarzyk and Amy Toziar, played well.

The leading scorers for Phaneuf's team were Emily Anspach, Sharon Phaneuf, Brie Cosgrove, Cheryl Collins and Michelle Larrivee. Adding to their defense were Suzette Jones, Christine Freeman, Jennifer Vinsett and Laura Asta-Ferraro.

All the girls deserve a pat on the back for the way they conducted themselves during and after all the games. They could leave knowing a nice friendly game had been played.

Immediately following the game a big pizza party was held by the coaches of the four teams at the Lions Club down at the Big E fairgrounds. Pizzas disappeared quickly as did soda and the cookie dessert donated by Voortman Cookies. A special thanks goes to George Collins and the Agawam Lions Club for lending their facilities and time to the party.

Area Diabetes Association Sponsors Annual Road Race

Are you a runner or like to run for fitness? The Western Area Massachusetts Diabetic Association is sponsoring its "3rd Annual Fitness Five Road Race and Walk."

The race will be five challenging miles around Holyoke Community College on Saturday, March 30th, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Look for registration forms at your local sports store or call 733-8198. Merchandise prizes will be awarded to winners in each division. Free t-shirts will be given to the first 50 pre-registrants. To join the fun, call 733-8198.

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Modifieds A Mainstay Of Riverside Speedway

The mainstay of Riverside Park Speedway has always been the exciting Nascar Winston Modifieds. Included among the competitive drivers expected on a regular basis are National Modified champion Richie Evans of Rome, New York, as well as local talents, like Reggie Ruggiero, Stan Greger, Marty Radewick and S. J. Evonsion.

Riverside Speedway is a quarter mile oval asphalt track adjoined by Riverside Park, New England's largest amusement park with over 100 rides, shows and special attractions. The park offers racing fans and their families hours of fun before an evening of spectacular Nascar sanctioned stock car racing.

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Riverside Speedway is located on Route 159 in Agawam, just minutes from Springfield and Hartford. Season tickets are available for the low price of just \$125 and provides the holder access to a special gate and VIP executive season seat.

The season opener is set for April 6th, with a 100' lap event for the Nascar Winston Modifieds, and a 25-lap special event for the Street Stock division.

All race events, with the exception of the Winston 200 and Demolition Derby event, are family admission priced at \$5.95 for adults and children 8 and under, 95 cents. This makes it a family entertainment value worth viewing. For additional information call or write: Riverside Park Speedway, Box 307, Agawam, MA, 01001 or call, 786-9300.

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Another team award, "The Most Dedicated Underclassman," was presented to junior Dave Allen, a specialist in the 500-yard freestyle.

Allen was one of a few Brownies who qualified for the Western Mass. Championships and narrowly missed qualifying for the finals. He raced to his fastest time ever in the meet (5:58). Allen had set a personal goal of breaking the 6:00 mark at the season's outset.

"This award is given to an underclassman who shows dedication by coming to all the practices and who works hard at practice. Dave continually showed improvement over the season and it was a result of his dedication," Smith said.

Second-year girls' swim coach Dee Berkey spoke on behalf of her team, which finished 3-11 on the regular season and also placed 11th at the Western Mass. Championships. Like the boys' team, letters and certificates were presented.

While no "Most Valuable Senior Award" was given, it was announced that senior Kim Cascio was selected for the All-Western Mass. team for the second year in a row for AHS, which is a first.

The "Most Dedicated Underclassman Award" went to record-breaking freshman Anne Llewellyn. The talented newcomer was the only Agawam girl to qualify for the Western Mass. Championships. She finished fourth in the 200-yard freestyle and fifth in the 100-yard freestyle.

"Anne's hard work and determined attitude paid-off in big dividends during the season when she continually surpassed her own school records in the 200 free," said Miss Berkey.

Science Museum Director Presents Taxidermy Program

Have you ever wondered how animals are "stuffed" for museum exhibits? Would you like to know which parts are real and which are not?

Learn more about the surprisingly artistic process of taxidermy from Science Museum Director Glen Ives at the Science Museum's monthly Science At Noon program on Thursday, March 21st, at 12:15 p.m.

Ives' slide lecture will show you the many steps involved in creating realistic museum exhibits. You will have a sneak preview of the newly acquired black-maned lion skin and full-sized giraffe skin, which will soon be mounted for exhibit in R. E. Phelon African Hall.

"The Art of Taxidermy" will be presented in the Tolman auditorium of the museum. The program is free and open to the public. Coffee will be served.

The Science Museum is located on the Quadrangle in downtown Springfield. For further information, call 733-1194.

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Evans To Appear At Riverside Opener

It sounds repetitious, but National Modified Champion Richie Evans is the "Champion of Champions" in the Nascar Winston Racing Series. Evans, a former Riverside champion of the Nascar Winston Racing Series, is expected to compete at Riverside's seasonal opener, the Eagle Snacks 100, on Saturday, April 6th, at 7:00 p.m.

Evans is perhaps the toughest short track driver in the country, and drives the famed B.R. DeWitt Big Orange Cavalier.

A look back into the record books shows Evans taking an unbelievable amount of Nascar feature wins since his first championship in 1973. Evans continues to win title after title in the division known in the New England marketplace (Nascar Modifieds). His list of championship titles is so impressive that only one other driver to date has ever come close to his still growing record, and that is fellow New Yorker Jerry Cook.

The total of seven titles tied Evans with Grand National Driver Richard Petty for the most crowns in any Nascar division. In addition to this, Evans has scored

three Northeast Regional titles for the Winston Racing Series.

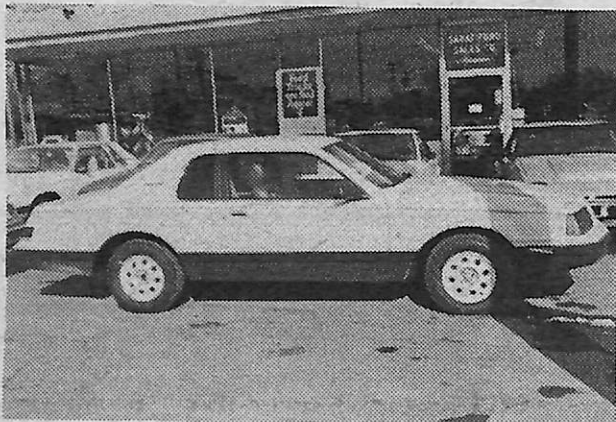
Evans will visit Riverside Park Speedway on a limited basis in 1985 and is expected to start at the Eagle Snacks 100 on April 6th. Besides Evans, the event will attract such noted drivers as Mike McLaughlin, Jim Spencer, Mike Stefanik, Stan Greger, S. J. Evonsion, Marty Radewick, Corky Cookman, Reggie Ruggiero, Bob Potter and Tony Siscione.

Gates at Riverside for the competitors will open at noon on Saturday, with the grandstand open at 5:00 p.m., as racing is set to begin at 7:00 p.m. Admission is family-priced for all events at just \$5.95 for adults, and 95 cents for children, 9 and under. Pit fees for Nascar members are just \$5 for adults. Two free ladies' passes will be given to each car that competes.

The Nascar season will continue through September with Street Pros and the Nascar Modifieds.

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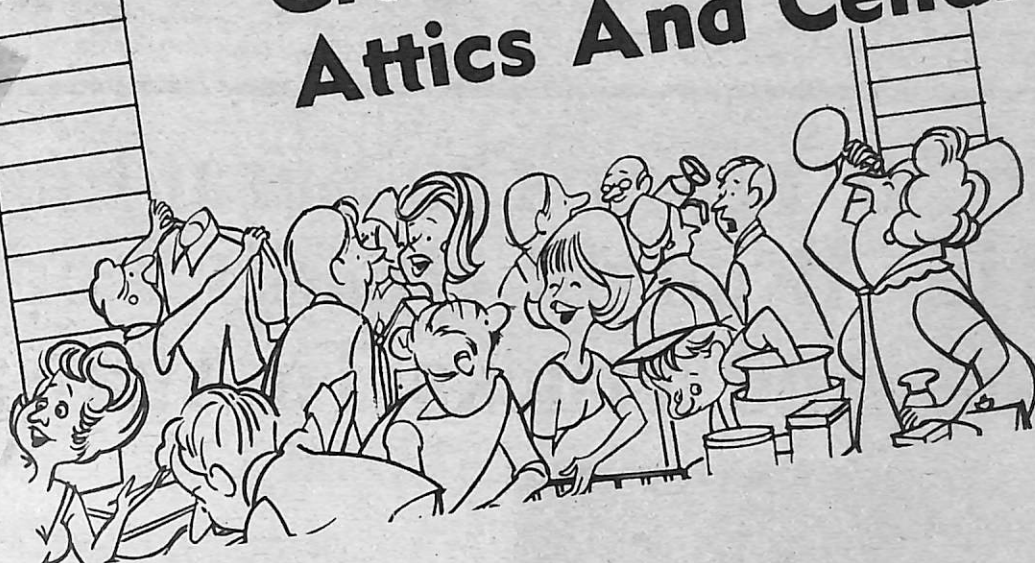
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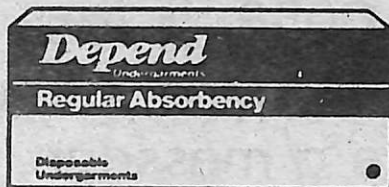
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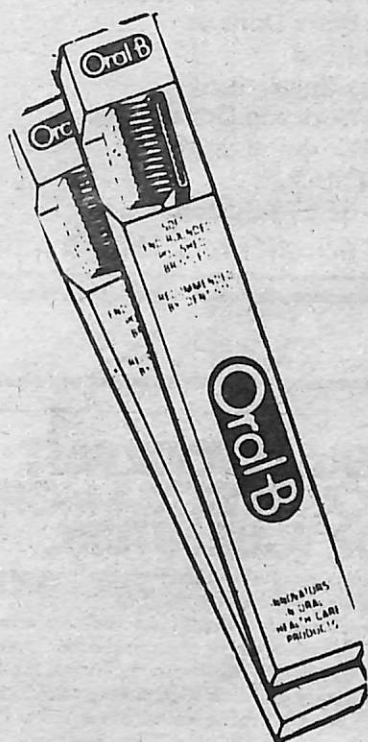
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